

Hoskins Tells About Police And Machine Owners' Convention

Chief Constable George Stuart, York county police, Samuel Mintz, Toronto pin-ball operator, Chief Constable James Sloss and Sgt. Thomas Wilkinson, provincial police, gave evidence today in the Whitechurch police inquiry at Newmarket police station.

Constable Kenneth Mount was scheduled to give evidence this afternoon.

George E. Davies, Whitechurch township, described his Musselman's Lake premises, known as Davies' dance hall, as consisting of a dance pavilion, tea room and lunch counter, grocery store and gas station, at the Whitechurch police inquiry in Newmarket on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Commissioner W. H. Stinger presided.

In the summer months he operates a milk and ice business, he said. He admitted that the three slot-machines, referred to during the investigation and seized and held by Constable Robert Windsor, had been taken in a raid on his premises in July of this year.

"How long have you been operating this business?" questioned L. R. MacTavish, representing the attorney-general's department.

"For 18 years," replied the witness. He went on to explain that, as a result of a deal with the man named Johnnie Hamilton, the slot-machines and pin-ball machines had been installed after July 1.

He said that he had never seen Mr. Hamilton previous to that occasion.

"He came to my house some time in May and asked me about the slot-machines," stated Mr. Davies.

"From May 1 until July 1 we negotiated about putting in the machines. They were finally put in after the first of July."

"What machines were put in?" asked Mr. MacTavish.

"There were three slot-machines," replied the witness.

"You knew these machines were illegal?" "We didn't know then and I don't know now how the slot-machines come under the law."

"Did you ever seek legal advice?" "No, I didn't."

Questioned further concerning the negotiations with Mr. Hamilton, the witness said, "I was sent to different places to see these machines in operation."

"By whom were you taken to these places?" "By Mr. Hamilton."

"What did he say?" "He said that these slot-machines were in the same category as the pin-ball machines."

"What premises did you visit?" "I went to one or two places up Lake Simcoe. I don't remember the names of the places. I visited one place near Whitby."

The witness said that he had actually seen slot-machines operated in the places he visited.

"Didn't you realize that slot-machines were illegal when you saw that the pin-ball machines did not pay off and the slot-machines did?" Mr. MacTavish continued.

"My own judgment should have told me so, admitted the witness. Mr. Davies went on to say that Mr. Hamilton left it more or less up to him (Mr. Davies') judgment as to whether they were legal or illegal.

He said that he had had the pin-ball machines, which were legal, on his premises for five or six years and that they were installed by

Sam Minz of St. Claire Ave., Toronto.

Asked of what Mr. Minz's business consisted, Mr. Davies stated: "All I saw him do is carry around pin-ball machines. I never had any connection with him in reference to slot-machines."

"What were the terms of putting in the slot-machines?" inquired Mr. MacTavish.

"It was a fifty-fifty basis," replied the witness.

"In the event of seizure, who was to stand the loss?" "I don't think it was discussed."

"Well, then, who paid the fine in the event of conviction?" "I paid the fine," stated Mr. Davies.

He went on to say that he had been fined \$100 and \$125 costs, 80 percent of which had been reimbursed for by Mr. Hamilton immediately after the trial.

"How was it he gave you 80 percent rather than 100 percent?" asked Mr. MacTavish.

"I still think that I am to get the balance," replied the witness.

Referring to the time when the slot-machines were installed on his premises, Mr. Davies testified that the witness if he was to believe that his premises would not be raided, to which the latter replied: "Yes, something was said at the time, between May and July, that it would not be raided."

He then stated that he was convinced that the machines were legal.

Asked if he were ever led to believe the place was "fixed" by the police, Mr. Davies replied that he was never given that impression.

Asked if he were acquainted with Constable Watt and Constable Windsor, the witness stated that he knew both officers, but denied seeking advice from either of them concerning the slot-machines.

"I only saw Constable Watt once, that was some time in August in the park, when he just said 'hello'."

"How long were the machines operated before the raid?" interrupted Commissioner Stinger.

"About a week," replied the witness.

"I understand that you got the pin-ball machines back?" stated Mr. MacTavish.

"No, I don't know what happened. We only got one back. I think two or three pin-ball machines belonged to Johnnie Hamilton and the balance belonged to Minz. Minz put only one pin-ball machine back after the trial. We allowed Hamilton to put in three or four after the trial."

"How long after the trial was it that Minz put back the one machine?" "It was quite a while. We debated whether we would let him put any back."

"At the time of the seizure, was there much business carried on?" asked the commissioner. "It was at the height of the season."

Asked if he knew how much money there would be in the slot-

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CRACKS BONE IN HIP

Mrs. G. W. Curtis suffered a cracked bone in her hip when she slipped on the kitchen floor in her home on Tuesday morning of last week.

GIVE DONATIONS

The following donations have been received by the Newmarket Veterans' Comforts fund: Miss Margaret Whyte, 75 cents, Mrs. E. Woolven, \$1, Arthur Peppiatt, Sr., \$2.

STEPHEN ROSE NAMED BOWLING PRESIDENT

The Newmarket Lawn bowling club held its 32nd annual meeting recently. Officers elected for the coming year are: honorary patrons, Aubrey Davis, G. L. Manning and James S. Law; hon. president, F. W. Pearson; president, Stephen Rose; 1st vice-pres., T. W. Jelley; 2nd vice-pres., B. A. Edd; secretary, C. F. Willis; treasurer, K. G. Flett.

Committee chairmen are: games, Andrew Mordison; grounds, T. F. Doyle; membership, R. W. Jelley; purchasing, Herbert Whyte; refreshment, Dr. C. E. VanderVoort; district representatives, Andrew Mordison, T. F. Doyle, Stephen Rose; provincial representatives, W. L. Bosworth, R. D. Brown, Stephen Rose; trustees, Herbert Whyte, T. F. Doyle.

J. S. Law presented a shield, designed by himself, to be competed for yearly in the championship club singles. The trophy represents a bowler in full relief surrounded by miniature shields. T. F. Doyle, a veteran bowler, was the 1943 winner, and Stanley Smith, a new bowler, was runner-up.

An interesting program for 1944 is being planned by the games committee.

SUTTON GOES TO POLLS TO ELECT 1944 REEVE

Sutton residents will vote the first Monday in January to elect a reeve. Reeve W. H. Pugsley and Grover Morrison both qualified for the reeve ship. Only the required four members qualified for councillors, F. G. Burrows, Nichol Robertson, F. C. Culverwell and Charles Scott. W. H. Stogdill and L. Tomlinson were the others nominated.

Allan Raiton, R. F. Sedore, W. J. Latimer and H. Torrens all received acclamations as school trustees, and James L. Burrows was given an acclamation as Hydro commissioner.

No election will be held in Georgina township. Reeve J. D. Sibbald, Sutton West, and ex-Reeve R. H. Corner, Pefferlaw, were nominated for the reeve ship, but only Mr. Sibbald qualified. Acclamations were accorded the council members, Herb. Crossberry, Sutton West, Wilfred Riddell, Sutton West, G. N. Graham, Udonia, and J. A. Foster, Pefferlaw.

In Whitechurch township, Reeve George H. Leary, Gormley, Deputy-Reeve L. P. Evans, Gormley, and Councillors Edward Logan, Stouffville, Eugene Baker, Stouffville, and L. J. Harper, Pleasantville, were returned by acclamation.

Three Men Injured In Head-On Rail Collision

Three railwaymen were injured and 12 freight cars smashed when two C.N.R. freight trains collided head-on near Pefferlaw on Dec. 23. The engine of the southbound train and two engines on the northbound train did not leave the tracks but were in bad shape.

Holiday traffic from Winnipeg to Toronto, which included many servicemen on leave, had to be rerouted through Allandale to Toronto.

Dr. E. M. Beattie, Sutton, and Dr. K. Smith, Beaverton, attended the injured men, who were removed to the Toronto Western hospital.

LADIES ORGANIZE NEW MILK-FOR-BRITAIN CLUB

A group of Newmarket ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Ellwood Nicol, have formed a Wednesday afternoon club to raise money for the "Milk-for-Britain" fund. They will work in co-operation with the Kinmen clubs' national war services committee.

In order that the public may help, milk bottles are being placed in several stores and business offices.

Ten cents buys a quart of milk, so any change will be gratefully received. Larger contributions may be given to Mrs. Nicol, Timothy St. or any member of the club.

Amount of money collected will be published from time to time.

AURORA GIRL IS ILL

Marjorie Longfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Longfield, has been ill at her home and forced to give up her work at Malton. She is getting stronger now. Formerly of Newmarket, the family now lives in Aurora.

IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Doings of those serving their country on land, on the sea, and in the air.

Contributions welcomed for this column—Phone 780.

Stoker D. R. DuVall of the R.C.N.V.R. has transferred to the R.C.A.F. and reports to manning depot, Toronto, on Dec. 31.

AC2 Donald Morrison, St. Thomas, spent five days Christmas leave with his mother, Mrs. Robt. Morrison.

AC1 Jack Duncan, Edendale, spent five days Christmas leave with his mother, Mrs. Frank Duncan.

Sgt.-Major and Mrs. Malcolm D. Galbraith spent Christmas day with Mrs. Galbraith's sister, Mrs. L. J. Farr, and Mr. Farr, Sharon.

Tpr. Freeman Sholdice, London, who is stationed at Newmarket training centre, and LAC Ralph Denne, Camp Borden, spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Schrank.

Spr. Burt Playter returned to Vancouver, B.C., after spending five days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Playter.

Sgmn. Frank Vandenberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Vandenberg, has been ill in a hospital overseas since Nov. 18.

Dvr. Douglas Sheridan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sheridan, has arrived safely in Italy.

Mrs. Emma Clark, Ajax, formerly of Newmarket, has received word from her son, Pte. Vern S. Clark, that he has arrived in Italy. This is Pte. Clark's fourth Christmas overseas and on Feb. 3, he will celebrate his fifth birthday overseas.

Pte. Clark says that he is well and is getting plenty of fresh fruit, although they are only allowed one chocolate bar a week.

He asked to be remembered to all his friends in Newmarket.

Tpr. Murray Love, Camp Borden, spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Love.

F.O. Harold Rutledge, Dunnville, spent five days Christmas leave at his home.

AC1 Lawrence Racine, Camp Borden, spent five days Christmas leave with his wife and family.

AW2 Joyce Smith, Rockcliffe, is spending two weeks leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. She will report at Montreal.

AW2 Helen Rose, Rockcliffe, spent her Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Rose.

LAW Pearl Davidson and LAW Terry Klingman of the R.C.A.F., Mont Joli, P.Q., spent the Christmas holidays with LAW Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davidson.

Cpl. M. L. Broughton, Brockville, has been transferred to Cornwall. Cpl. Broughton spent the Christmas weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Broughton.

Cpl. David Mathewson, Camp Borden, spent five days Christmas leave at his home.

LAC Ted Bothwell, Newfoundland, is spending his Christmas leave at his home.

Sgt. Denne Bosworth, Petawawa, spent his Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bosworth.

Cpl. Sarah Jones, St. Thomas, spent five days Christmas leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Jones.

Pte. Cyril Roberts, Toronto, spent his Christmas leave at the home of Mrs. George Mainprize.

Sgt. John Vandenberg has arrived safely overseas.

L-Cpl. Doug. May, who was ill in the hospital in North Africa, is now completely recovered and in action in Italy.

Spr. William Jordon, Toronto, and AW1 Marion Jordon, Jarvis, spent Christmas leave with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jordon.

GROUP "3" JUNIOR O.H.A. "B" SCHEDULE

Tues., Jan. 4

Richmond Hill vs. Newmarket

Fri., Jan. 7

H.M.C.S. York (Navy) vs. Richmond Hill

Fri., Jan. 7

Whitby vs. Markham

Tues., Jan. 11

H.M.C.S. York (Navy) vs. Newmarket

Wed., Jan. 12

Richmond Hill vs. Whitby

Thurs., Jan. 13

Markham vs. H.M.C.S. York (at Unionville)

Fri., Jan. 14

Newmarket vs. Markham

Fri., Jan. 14

Whitby vs. Richmond Hill

Tues., Jan. 18

Markham vs. Newmarket

Wed., Jan. 19

H.M.C.S. York vs. Whitby

Fri., Jan. 21

Newmarket vs. Richmond Hill

Fri., Jan. 21

Whitby vs. H.M.C.S. York

Mon., Jan. 24

Richmond Hill vs. Markham

Tues., Jan. 25

Newmarket vs. H.M.C.S. York (playing at Newmarket)

Wed., Jan. 26

Markham vs. Whitby

Fri., Jan. 28

Richmond Hill vs. H.M.C.S. York (playing at Richmond Hill)

Mon., Jan. 31

H.M.C.S. York vs. Markham

Tues., Feb. 1

Whitby vs. Newmarket

Fri., Feb. 4

Newmarket vs. Whitby

Fri., Feb. 4

Markham vs. Richmond Hill

All games are scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

Semi-finals will start the week of Feb. 6.

MRS. T. J. GANTON DIES IN 79TH YEAR

Ill only two weeks, Mrs. Thomas James Ganton died at York County hospital on Sunday.

Born in Cumberland, England, on April 4, 1865, Mary Jane Monkhouse was the daughter of Jane Tremble and James Monkhouse. She moved to Newmarket from Markham in 1905. She married Thomas James Ganton on June 6, 1883. Although she lived a quiet life, Mrs. Ganton was well-known in Newmarket.

Mrs. Ganton attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

Surviving are four sons, Allan, Newmarket, Rolph, Silverthorne, Orville, Newmarket, Lorne, Queensville; two daughters, Mrs. Ford Wilson (Ethel), Newmarket, Mrs. Chas. Murray (Glady's), Toronto, and one brother, John Monkhouse, Toronto. Thirteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren as well as a number of nieces and nephews also survive.

A sister, Mrs. Israel Ramer, predeceased her two years ago.

The funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Harper of Toronto conducted the service. Interment was made in Newmarket cemetery.

SCHEDULE IS DRAWN UP FOR BASKETBALL

St. Andrew's College has entered the district secondary basketball league this season, to make a three-team senior loop along with Aurora high school and Pickering College. Richmond Hill high school have only a junior team entered, which gives the minor series four teams.

Delroy Babcock, C. R. Blackstock and "Moose" Jackson of Pickering and A. H. Kendall of St. Andrew's College will handle the games. In an endeavor to avoid a conflict with hockey at the four schools, the league has decided to start competition late in February.

The schedule is: Feb. 28 — R.H.H.S. vs. S.A.C. Feb. 24 — Pickering College vs. A.H.S.

Mar. 1 — Pickering vs. R.H.H.S.

Mar. 2 — S.A.C. vs. A.H.S.

Mar. 8 — A.H.S. vs. R.H.H.S.

Mar. 10 — R.H.H.S. vs. A.H.S.

IS IN ITALY



Pte. Bruce Townsley, Newmarket, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Townsley. Pte. Townsley is now in Italy, according to word received by his parents.

DR. BOYD'S FATHER DIES IN 91ST YEAR

A resident of Newmarket for 25 years, James Boyd died on Wednesday of last week at the home of his son, Dr. S. J. Boyd. He was in his 91st year.

Mr. Boyd was a Perth county farmer and came to Newmarket to live when he retired, to be near his son. He used to help Dr. Boyd look after his horses in the "horse-and-buggy days" and used to go about with him on his calls.

When the motor-car came he still travelled about with the doctor until recently when his increasing age made it too difficult for him.

Mr. Boyd fell and broke his hip on Friday, Dec. 17. Until then, so far as his family could remember, he had never been ill in bed except for a cold for a half day or so.

His wife, Eliza Letch, survives him. For many years Mr. and Mrs. Boyd lived in their own home in Newmarket, but latterly had lived with Dr. and Mrs. Boyd.

During his farming years Mr. Boyd also served as a constable in Mornington township and then for some years as a township councillor.

He was a member of the United church. Like both his father and his son, Dr. Boyd, he had been an elder of the Presbyterian (United) church. Mr. Boyd was a charter member of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

Two sons survive. Dr. Boyd, Newmarket, and Rev. Herbert A. Boyd, Kintore, Ont., who was for 25 years a missionary in China. Another son, the late Rev. Leslie Boyd, died as a young man while pastor of Sutton Presbyterian church.

A sister, Mrs. Nancy Baird, Hamilton, also survives.

Rev. Henry Cotton conducted a service at Roadhouse and Rose funeral chapel on Wednesday evening of last week. Burial was at Listowel on Friday afternoon.

FRANK ABBS WAS WELL KNOWN IN NORTH YORK

Frank Abbs, 57, died at his home in Toronto on Sunday, Dec. 26. Mr. Abbs was well known throughout North York, being associated with the Lennox and Case piers sponsored by the Conservative party.

He also took part in North York political campaigns, and was for some years a summer resident at Lake Simcoe. He was well known in amateur baseball circles.

Mr. Abbs received his education in Toronto and was a member of St. Paul's Anglican church, Blouet St. E., Toronto.

Surviving are his widow, the former Ada Fowler, five sisters, Mrs. R. Crawford, Mrs. J. Boeltger, Mrs. A. Easton, Mrs. W. Burrows and Mrs. A. Hooper, and three brothers, Charles, Harold and William, all of Toronto.

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

J. A. PERKS EXPLAINS NEW HATCHERY PLANS

J. A. Perks, who owns and operates a large farm supply business in Newmarket, is expanding his operations to include a "Chek-R-Chix" hatchery.

Mr. Perks has engaged the services of Aurora, Ill., formerly of Aurora, and now of Newmarket, to operate and manage his new hatchery. Poultry has been the hobby of Mr. Hill for many years and he is well equipped to manage this business efficiently.

The building formerly occupied by Dunn's Garage, and not far from Perks' feed mill, is now being renovated to house this new hatchery equipment.

This incubator will be one of the most up-to-date in Ontario, Mr. Perks said, and will have a capacity for hatching up to 75,000 chicks in a season. The hatchery will be under the supervision of Mr. Perks.

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Hospital Appeals To Citizens For Money To Renovate Plant

The following statement is provided by York County hospital board: "A few weeks ago the board was authorized to announce the donation of a new 23-bed addition to the hospital by Messrs. Aubrey, Andrew and E. J. Davis, Jr., valued at approximately \$50,000.

"To comply with the requirements of the Ontario department of health it is necessary to enlarge the kitchen, dining-room and heating equipment of the present building and also to make certain other changes, and the campaign to raise the necessary funds for this addition is now in progress. To raise the required amount, the whole-hearted support of local business men and citizens will be necessary."

"York County hospital operates under a provincial charter. The present building was erected largely by public donations and the sale of bonds, many of which have since been donated to the hospital, and others retired.

"The hospital is operated by a board of directors appointed by the public at the annual meeting and the members of the board serve without remuneration of any kind.

"York County hospital has been in operation since 1926. Rates for public and indigent patients were set several years ago by the provincial government at \$2.35 per day, which at that time was sufficient to cover the cost of maintenance. However, during recent years costs have increased considerably, with the result that in 1942 the average cost of maintaining a patient was \$3.16 per day, with the re-

sult that operations have been carried on at a loss for several years and these losses have been made up by donations, bequests and municipal grants.

"The hospital has been seriously over-crowded for the last two years and the additional space is urgently needed. The board is in hopes that the funds necessary to complete this building program can be raised by public subscriptions, so that it will not be necessary to open the enlarged building with any financial obligations thereon."

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Junior Lads Skate Again, As O.H.A. Entry Of 1944

The canal town will be represented this year in the junior O.H.A. B series. An organization meeting was held early last week and a team has been entered.

The home town squad finds itself arrayed against the sailors from the H.M.C.S. York of Toronto, the old rivals, the Markham kids and teams from Richmond Hill and Whitby. The schedule has been drawn up, giving the team a game at home for the next six weeks, with the opening game on Tuesday, Jan. 4. This grouping no doubt will provide some interesting competition for this year's edition of the Redmen.

The local squad, under the coaching of Cliff Gunn, has been on the ice at the Newmarket arena on two or three occasions, with some 20 lads trying out for various positions. Present indications are that the squad will be built up around three or four graduates of the juveniles of last year, and will in all probability be entirely a home-brew squad.

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O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

The coming year will be one of increased responsibility on the "home front." Public leaders must think increasingly of the future, what is to be done nationally, provincially and locally, not merely to avoid unemployment, but to provide, if possible, both employment and opportunity for advancement to those who are willing to work and to study.

It means the planning of a progressive society. It means what is commonly called an "expanding economy." It means making Canada once again a "young country," pushing back the frontiers, inviting aggressive immigrants from other lands. It means dissatisfaction with what we have, improvement of our homes, towns and cities, building of new and modern houses, modernizing farm homes, construction of modern, consolidated rural schools, technical schools, recreation centres or Y.M.C.A.s.

It means the provision of health, educational and community recreation facilities, and the revision of taxation, to encourage Canadians to marry and have families, so that both Canadian-born and foreign-born may share in Canada's expansion. It means that the industries which are to provide the employment and make the wheels go round must look for improvement in their position not in any marked moderation of taxation but in increased numbers of customers, and in customers with increased spending power.

If we are to keep faith with those from whom we so lightly accept military services, we must throw off our old age and become young again. We must forget that "we cannot afford to" provide employment, to expand our frontiers. We must be prepared to accept a large measure of government control of our businesses and our daily lives, to avoid booms and depressions and maintain an even and steady development.

We must not be afraid of monopoly, whether government-owned or government-controlled, where it is clear that monopoly can serve more economically and efficiently than competition.

We must be progress-minded, and that means not merely the favoring of health insurance and educational reforms when sponsored by and paid for through seemingly distant governments at Toronto and Ottawa, seemingly spending somebody else's money, but the favoring of progress right at home, paid for with our own municipal taxes.

Municipal government is our most democratic government, because it is closest to the people, but it is also unfortunately our most unprogressive government, because it is closest to the taxpayer's pocket-book. What changes can we make so that we may preserve this municipal stronghold of democracy? Should we extend the municipal franchise to every adult, every young man and woman who, though not an owner or a tenant, is eligible for military service in time of national emergency? Should we extend the right to vote on money-by-laws to tenants as well as owners? Should we recognize that tenants too pay taxes?

How are we going to make progress and democracy march together? How are we going to make ourselves not only realize that progress means investment of money and effort but also make ourselves willing to share in paying the cost? How are we going to keep faith with those who risk life and health for what they believe to be the cause of democracy?

We must face these problems in 1944, in our own municipalities and in our own municipal councils. If we fail, we may expect our provincial and dominion governments to fail in their fields too. If we have courage, and succeed, probably they will have courage and succeed too.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

HOODWINKING THE PUBLIC

(Bowmanville Canadian Statesman)

The decision of the people of Canada to keep National Railways running as a government concern is not to be questioned. The late Sir Edward Beatty never succeeded in convincing the public that it ought to be combined with the C.P.R., as a part government and part private concern. Therefore, this discussion is not intended to revive the old railway argument.

On the other hand, the C.N.R. case is one which we must keep in mind, when we hear that the C.C.F. intends to take over at least the big private businesses.

The ownership of the C.N.R. by the government did not mean cheaper travel or transportation for the people of Canada, for the rates are the same on the two railways. It did not mean more men used to do the same work, for the C.N.R. management boast that they run their railway very efficiently. They could not do that if they used more men to do the same work than the C.P.R. does.

It does not mean any higher wages, for both railways pay the same wages, although, in the case of the C.N.R., it is usually understood that the higher officers get bigger salaries than on the C.P.R.

All that the government ownership of the C.N.R. has meant is that the bondholders of the C.N.R. have the taxpayers of Canada make up their interest, in the years when the railway does not earn it, while the shareholders of the C.P.R. lose their interest, when the railway does not earn it.

One other consequence results. The C.P.R. has never been as prosperous since the government bought the C.N.R., for the reason that the government railway competes with it, with no limit to the amount of money which it can use, and with every government department inclined to give the government railway the preference in business.

This is quite a thing for us to think about. If

the government took over Eaton's, for example, what would happen to the retail business in Canada? After all, the C.P.R. is a pretty big outfit, and has put up quite a fight. How much of a fight could the small retailers in Canada put up against the system of government stores?

If the government took over Eaton's the consequence would be to bankrupt all their competitors, while guaranteeing the owners of Eaton's their return on their capital, which the government would have to replace with government guaranteed bonds, as it did in the case of the C.N.R.

The case of the C.N.R. does not prove that the new government stores would sell goods cheaper, or that they would pay any more wages. Indeed, if Eaton's is run efficiently now, the government stores could not do these things.

The fact is that this C.C.F. idea of taking over only a few big concerns is just a lot of election talk. If they were in office, the C.C.F. would have to take over all business in Canada, or none. The prospect is that they would merely give the country a clumsy administration, with a lot of experiments, and not do very much about taking over businesses. Then, after the next election, they would be out of office, and we would have a sane government again. Why would it not be a good idea to save all this, by trying to get the sane government now?

WHY FARMERS AND WORKERS MUST CO-OPERATE

(By Agnes Macphail in the New Commonwealth)

All people of good will are needed to work to eliminate causes for hostility between different people, groups and races. Some publications seem to take delight in setting one group against the other, particularly farmer against labor or the other way about.

"Oh, the C.C.F. can never get farmers and industrial workers to work together," they say. One would think that the two groups had never voted for the same candidate before the C.C.F. came into being. But haven't they been voting for Liberal and Conservative candidates since Canada was?

Anyone who looks carefully at the population figures of our country will see that going it alone neither the industrial workers nor the farmers can win enough seats to control government, and arrange things so that those who do the work will reap the reward of their labor. But together they are 73.5 percent of the whole, according to the 1931 census. There is only one other group sizable enough to rank anywhere near these two—the middle class, made up of small and medium business people, professional, and managerial. The middle class constitutes 25.7 percent of the total population, and depends for its prosperity on the state of the pocket-book of the 73.5 percent.

When the farmer has money he buys goods for his farm and family. Think of the farm machinery, electric equipment, motors, paint, fencing, fertilizer, furniture and clothing that would be bought if money were no obstacle. The demand would assure the industrial workers of work over a long period. The farmer is potentially the greatest customer in Canada—if he prospers so does the group which makes the goods to meet his need.

And his need is great. In 1931 only five percent of farm homes in Canada had bathrooms, ten percent had water on tap in the kitchen, ten percent had electricity or gas, 30 percent had telephones, not quite 20 percent had radios, 40 percent motor-cars, and not ten percent motor trucks. Yet all these things are needed and belong to the age in which we live. Industrial workers and professional and business people are sure to help themselves if they help agriculture into a better economic position.

It works the other way, too. If all the industrial workers have jobs—steady work at good wages—they will live much better than they do when economic uncertainty haunts them. In security they will feed their family well, insisting on plenty of milk, eggs, fruit and vegetables in their diet, and that creates a market for the farmer's product; the worker himself needs bacon and eggs for breakfast to sustain him through a morning of heavy work. It is seldom he can afford such luxury, but if he could it would create an excellent market for the farmer. The worker's family would greatly enjoy a chicken in the pot for Sunday dinner, and if every industrial family could have it the farmer's wife would find a ready market all the time for fat chickens.

The farmer and the industrial worker are bound together whether they know or admit it—each is the other's best customer. Best customers are important people, to be treated with kindness and consideration.

Neither group gets its fair share of the national wealth; each does more work than it is paid for. Although the net national income rose from three and a half billions in 1931 to over six billions in 1941, only two percent of all workers got out of the less than the \$1,500 a year class, according to Professor Frank Scott and David Lewis.

In 1933 the average wage in industry was \$777. The tobacco manufacturing industry fell below that level, the average being only \$555, but in the same year 28 executives of the Imperial Tobacco Co. paid themselves \$421,388 in wages.

In 1931 the farmer averaged (in cash and kind) \$304 for the whole year. He couldn't buy much with that amount of money—almost all of it would go for taxes and interest—and since the farmer couldn't buy industrial goods the factories closed and unemployment increased greatly. By 1941 the farmer's income was \$698 and it rose to probably \$800 in 1941. A bad year or two can be borne by any part of the economy, but what got agriculture down was the long periods of ridiculously low income.

From 1915-1919 farmers received one-third of the national income, from 1928-29 one-sixth, and from 1930-40 one-tenth. This trend has caused the young people to leave the land and find places in war industry. The same long period of suffering has caused weariness and skepticism in those who remained on the farms. They have come to think that nothing will be done, and some have gone further and think that nothing can be done to change this unjust condition.

Both groups, industrial workers and farmers, want the same things; they want shelter, clothing and food; education for their children; a little leisure; and security in old age, in sickness and unemployment (or crop failure). Both groups would like a comfortable chair to sit in when the day's work is done, a book to read or a garden to dig; a little fishing, or some travel to look at the country of which they are a part. It isn't much. It is all possible. But only if these two most important groups in Canada work together as brothers.

THE COMMON ROUND

By ISABEL INGLIS COLVILLE

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I wonder who first thought of the New Year's greeting, which is as natural a beginning for that day, as Merry Christmas is for the most wonderful day of the year.

We say, "Happy New Year," to everyone we meet on that day, but what do we mean by it?

There are so many kinds of happiness and no two people are happy in the same way.

There is the surface happiness which comes from a congenial environment.

It is pleasant while it lasts, but if that environment be disturbed, the placidity of life is upset and a feeling of loss and frustration takes the joy out of life.

There is the intense happiness of being with loved ones, but if loved ones are called away—swallowed up in the maelstrom of war or business, that happiness takes flight.

There is the happiness of living in a free and bountiful land, but we have no guarantee that it will always be so—other lands, like Denmark and Norway were free and happy, too.

and now they suffer.

So, the happiness which we wish for people on New Year's day is, I think—if we really think at all—a happiness born in the soul, entirely independent of environment or circumstance.

It is, I think, a reflection from the Christmas angels' message: that into the dark world has come a shining Light, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, and that where His gospel is LIVED, there must be "peace on earth, goodwill to men," and so, happiness.

New Year Bells

New Year's bells are ringing. Their message flinging, singing. Over cot and over rill. Over stately home and hill. Glad news that we can start again.

To fight the evil, ease the pain, To make the children, now oppressed, Know that childhood can be blest.

So bells ring out on New Year's day And chiming, tell we're on the way To pave a stronger, fairer road, To bring the nations nearer God.

25 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files, Dec. 27, 1918

There was not as much poultry offered on the Christmas market as usual. Eggs were 70 to 80 cents a dozen and butter was 52 cents a pound. Dressed chickens were 28 to 33 cents a pound, and dressed turkeys 46 to 55 cents.

The bowling team of F. Rogers, J. Thompson and C. Henderson won the tournament on Dec. 9 at Phipper's Bowling alley. The second team was J. Brodie, C. Davis and G. A. Binn.

County Engineer James was instructed at a special meeting of the town council to draw up plans for using the pond water for fire protection and to submit the plans to the provincial board of health for their approval.

A snowstorm on Monday afternoon provided good sleigh-riding and tobogganing for the children on Christmas morning.

Mr. J. G. Muir and family spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brimson spent Christmas in Toronto.

Reeve Knowles and family of Aurora attended a gathering at Mr. G. H. Knowles' on Christmas day.

Mr. Eugene Barker was home from Columbus, Ohio, for a week.

A family gathering took place at the home of Mr. R. E. Manning on Christmas day.

MARRIED—On Dec. 23, 1918, by Rev. H. Parry, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Edward John Jarvis to Miss Linda Andrews, all of Newmarket.

50 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files, Dec. 29, 1893

The street lights have been increased to 2,000 candle-power and are a great improvement.

Hon. G. W. Ross, minister of education, D. Fotheringham, P.S.I., and J. D. Edgar, M.P., were escorted through the new high school building, the model school and the town waterworks department last Friday. They were here for the formal opening of the new school.

The concert at the separate school last Friday was a decided success.

Alderman Starr has made a liberal offer to the Mechanics' Institute and they may now be able to establish a public reading room.

Geo. Partridge picked a bunch of pansies in his garden Christmas day.

W. G. Malloy is visiting his father, Bailiff Malloy.

Miss Rose Penrose got back from Brandon in time to spend Christmas at home.

T. J. Robertson was made mayor of Newmarket by acclamation at the municipal nomination.

MARRIED—On Dec. 13, by Rev. W. S. Cowie, at his residence, Sandford, Alfred Durling to Rhoda Badger, daughter of Wm. Badger, both of Whitchurch township.

MARRIED—At the residence of the bride's parents, 5th con. King, on Dec. 20, by Rev. B. Strangway, James Kitchen, Schomberg, to Elмира Lloyd.

MARRIED—At the manse, Queensville, Dec. 27, by Rev. G. Mackay, M.A., William G. Edwards, North Gwillimbury, to Alberta Eves, East Gwillimbury.

W.A. INSTALLS OFFICERS Officers of the W.A. of St. John's Anglican church, Oak Ridges, for 1944 are as follows: hon. president, Mrs. E. G. Worral; president, Mrs. S. C. Sniveley; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. Morrow; 2nd vice-president, Miss J. Newbury; secretary, Mrs. Nelson Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. A. Samson; Dorcas secretary, Mrs. Hugh Mitchell; Living Message, Mrs. Maurice Beynon; refreshments, Mrs. C. Hanson.

Rev. R. S. Mason installed the group to office.

TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Era and Express: I note that in your issue of Dec. 15, S. J. Boyd, M.D., of Newmarket saw fit to refer to an article contributed by myself on Dec. 8.

Let me at the outset state that I have no desire to indulge in personalities, but rather to deal with problems confronting the people, and endeavor to find the correct solution for them. However, in view of the fact that the estimable doctor saw fit to describe me as a "wolf in sheep's clothing," I would like to gently remind him that ever since the fight for better social conditions started, the opponents of reform measures have resorted to this kind of criticism.

In his article of Dec. 15, the doctor refers to excerpts from addresses given by various C.C.F. speakers, one of them being the much discussed "Winch statement." Briefly analyzed, all that Mr. Winch said was that when the C.C.F. party was elected to power, it would enforce law and order in a constitutional manner.

In order once again to contradict the statement made by our opponents that the C.C.F. party will confiscate all property, be it farm, home, or industrial, I again state that insofar as the farmer is concerned, we are determined that prices shall be paid for his products that will enable the farmer to carry on under satisfactory conditions, and that his children will do likewise. The same principles apply to the industrial worker, and when in power the C.C.F. party is prepared to give loans in both cases at an interest rate of around two percent, rather than at the exorbitant rates we are forced to pay under the present regime.

With regard to industry, I cannot better define the C.C.F. policy than by quoting from page 163 of the book, "Make This Your Canada," wherein it states: "These are fields in which private enterprise may be expected to perform a useful function. If a private business (1) is in no position to exploit the public, (2) shows no sign of becoming a socially dangerous vested interest, (3) is being operated with reasonable efficiency under decent working conditions, and (4) is ready to play its part in the fulfillment of the national plan, there is no social or economic reason why its ownership should not remain in private hands. Thus small manufacturing and distributing concerns, businesses catering to local community needs, various forms of service and repair are examples of private enterprises which are likely to remain. In fact, with full employment and a rising standard of living, they will find it easier to survive under the new system than under the old."

I must frankly confess that I am disappointed in the doctor's stand with regard to health. I am sure that he knows that prevention methods are not only much better than "cures," but certainly considerably cheaper. Furthermore, the good doctor knows that whether the members of his profession work at an annual salary as suggested by Mr. Jolliffe, or as at present constituted, they must in either case receive sufficient remuneration in order to enable them to carry on, and that even at the present time, facilities for health and hospitalization services in this country are totally inadequate.

This condition, I believe, prevails even in the town of Newmarket itself, and the townsfolk are indeed fortunate in having several of their number who are able and willing to give financial assistance toward the bettering of these conditions. I do, however, take the stand that the health and well-being of our people should not be dependent on public charity, but provided for in a proper manner by the government.

The doctor also referred to some of the old party leaders, and also made some reference to "freedom and civilization." I wonder what kind of freedom and civilization the hundreds of thousands of unemployed people thought about during the long depression years, and particularly the young men and women who, on leaving school, were unable to find employment. Many of these young men are now fighting and dying overseas in the hope that someone will do something to make it impossible for this intolerable condition to recur.

What did the old party leaders do? Their record speaks for itself. The governments of the future must not be afraid to use the axe where necessary in order to cut out the deadwood, and strike out boldly and courageously along paths that will lead to better conditions spiritually and physically, for its people.

Geo. H. Mitchell, M.L.A. Downsview, Dec. 20, 1943.

Editor, The Era and Express: It is with regret I find I cannot acknowledge personally all the lovely Christmas cards received. Will you please express to my many friends and well-wishers my sincere thanks. I am being a good soldier and lab-

Maple Hill

Mrs. J. Leitch spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Hartley Britton preached in the Maple Hill church last week in the absence of Sidney Kerr, who was holding special services at Napanee.

Mr. Allan White, Orillia, recently spent two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knights.

The Sunday-school treat at the Maple Hill church was a great success with over 70 present. Supper was served in the church and there was a fine program. Santa distributed oranges, candies and gifts to all.

The West Street school entertainment was a real credit to the teacher and pupils. There was a splendid program by the scholars, which was enjoyed by all. Rev. Hugh Shannon was a capable master of ceremonies.

Ruth and Irene Knights were home from the Toronto Bible college for the holidays.

Maple Hill Baptist church has a new lantern, complete with slides, for the Sunday-school.

A joint watch-night service of Maple Hill and Queensville Baptist churches will be held at the home of Rev. Hartley Britton on New Year's eve at 9.30 o'clock.

Prayer meeting was held last Thursday evening at the home of Sid. Kerr. There was a fine attendance.

There will not be an evening service at the Maple Hill church for the next three months due to the uncertainty of the weather. Bible School will be held at 11 a.m.

HOLD MIDNIGHT SERVICE

There were good congregations at the celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30 o'clock Christmas Eve and at 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock Christmas morning at St.

ing my medicine, with hopes of seeing you in the spring. Gratefully yours, Bill White.

Ward 304, Christie Street Hospital.

Paul's Anglican church. Christmas celebrations were continued at the Sunday service, with emphasis on St. Stephen's day, the first Christian martyr. It does not often happen that the two saints' days, St. Stephen's, Dec. 26, and St. John the Evangelist's, Dec. 27, and the Innocents' Day, Dec. 28, follow Christmas consecutively.

The church was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens. The flowers on the altar and at the memorial tablet were long-stemmed white chrysanthemums. The Christmas music was well rendered by the choir.

From now till spring early celebration of holy communion will be only on the second and fourth Sundays at 8.30 a.m.

The W.A. holds its monthly devotional and business meeting for January next Thursday, Jan. 13, at 3 o'clock in the parish hall.



REV. SARA E. GREGORY, M.A., Evangelist of Westport, Ont.

in the Free Methodist Church

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Services every week night except Saturday at 8 o'clock

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G. H. RACHIE, Pastor

TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

TO THE ELECTORS

We, the council of the township of Whitchurch, wish to express our appreciation for the confidence placed in us in according us an acclamation for the year 1944. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

SIGNED GEO. H. LEARY L. P. EVANS

EDWARD LOGAN EUGENE BAKER L. J. HARPER

FARM MECHANICS SHORT COURSES

For Young and Old

Lectures Demonstrations Lantern Slides
PEPPERLAW Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 6th and 7th
VANDORF Mon. and Tues., Jan. 10th and 11th
SHARON Tues. and Wed., Jan. 11th and 12th
BELLAVEN Thurs. and Fri., Jan. 13th and 14th
Subjects: Rope splicing and repairing, labor-saving devices, repair and adjustment of mowers, binders, seed drills, corn binders, corn loaders, other farm machinery, also tractor maintenance, electric motors, milking machines and farm buildings.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
New machinery still rationed — Service your old ones now
No charge — Bring your lunch.
W. M. COCKBURN, Agricultural Representative, Newmarket.



JOINING RANKS

TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

You don't need a penny to guess our thoughts now! All of us here are thinking of our best wishes to you for a happy new year! ... and all things fine that can make it happy. May all our boys and girls be home soon ... after the assurance of victorious, peaceful days to come!



CORECTAL LENSES

WAINMAN JEWELER AND OPTOMETRIST

PHONE 488 NEWMARKET

Mr. and Mrs. Fred West and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ken. West, Hamilton, and Miss Kathleen West, Toronto, spent Christmas and the week with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Coult and family, and Misses Rita and Doris Houghton, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Houghton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Emmerson spent Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Groombridge spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Wilder.

Mrs. Margaret Pickard, Buffalo, spent Christmas and a few days with her brother, Mr. Robert Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Cook and family spent Christmas with Mr. Cook's sister, Mrs. Harry Shanks. Mrs. Barbara Barret has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Rhodes, for two weeks.

The Ladies' Aid met on Dec. 28 at the home of Mrs. Stanley Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Proctor and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Proctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coker, near Bolton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Archibald and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Archibald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bredeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Paton and Mrs. Oliver Paton called on Mr. and Mrs. A. Hill on Christmas.

Miss Hattie Cutting, Toronto, spent Christmas and the week-end with her mother.

Pottageville, Dec. 23—Miss Kathleen West was home for the week with the "flu."

Gnr. Walter Airaksinen is spending a furlough with his parents and also his sisters in Toronto.

Mrs. Hamilton spent Sunday with Mrs. John Cutting. Little Dorothy Wilder came home Sunday. She is improved in health.

Mr. Ed. O'Brien was home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Emmerson and family of Nobleton spent Sunday with Mr. Emmerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Emmerson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, Springdale, called on their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Archibald and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith.

Miss Hattie Cutting, Toronto, spent the weekend with her mother.

Mrs. Walter Archibald spent Wednesday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webster and Jean, Newmarket, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webster.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Black, North Bay, are spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. Wm. Gould is spending the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Errol Sutherland, Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keffer spent Saturday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Sweeney, and Mr. Sweeney.

Miss Elsie Sharpe, Toronto, was home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wray and Mr. Arthur Edwards spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jefferson, Newmarket.

Pte. and Mrs. Errol Gould and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Poulton and Glenn, Newmarket, spent Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Woodrow, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibson and family of Newmarket, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Doan.

Mr. and Mrs. James Webster and family had Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orser of Minesing.

Mrs. Wm. Gould, Burton, Barbara and Oliver, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hughes, Newmarket.

Glenville, Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webster and Jean of Newmarket spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Webster.

Gnr. Somerville of Sydney, N.S., spent a few days last week with friends and relatives.

Mr. Thomas Rooney, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. Arthur Edwards.

Mr. John Black celebrated his birthday on Dec. 19 with his family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Anning.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Richardson and family of Whitby spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Burnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Doan and family spent Sunday at Thornbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sweeney spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keffer.

The Era and Express office is open Saturday afternoons, from 2 to 5 p.m., instead of Saturday evenings, for the winter months.

Classifieds will turn into cash something which you no longer need.

Miss Mary McDonald, Ceylon, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse and daughter, Janet, Thistleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Scott and daughter, Donna, Mount Albert, had Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kingdon and Bill accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gardhouse to Smithfield Christmas evening and attended a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Kingdon's brother, Mr. John Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. Kingdon returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cameron of Crystal Beach.

Miss Erla Staley and Mr. Staley of Brantford visited their mother, Mrs. Staley, and family for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Morgan Preston, Miss Violet Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Preston and family, all of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Burnett and little son of Gormley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald White and young son of Claremont, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Preston and family.

LAC Lloyd Preston, Chatham, N.B., spent his Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Preston.

Miss Helen McDonald, Aurora, visited her brother, Mr. W. A. McDonald, and family, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. King, Marilyn, Florence and Samuel of Scotland were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Day and little son, Renwick, Mr. and Mrs. Harper and Miss Marjory Harper, Toronto, were Christmas guests of Mr. W. A. McDonald and family.

Miss Grace McDonald, Toronto, and LAC Bud Cook, Trenton, were guests of Mr. W. A. McDonald and family for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Harry Guthrie spent the weekend in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Richardson, Betty and Billy, and Mr. W. D. Richardson spent Christmas with Mrs. Wm. Graham and Mr. and Mrs. John Crawford and family.

Mrs. Ralph Willis, Edward Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson and Wayne and Miss Jean Willis of Toronto, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sheridan.

Mrs. Ralph Willis attended the funeral of Mrs. John M. Burns, who passed away on Dec. 15. Mrs. Burns was Mabel Ross Rodgers. The late Mrs. Rodgers of Vandorf was her mother, and the late Mrs. Ed. Willis was her sister.

Mrs. Burns died at her home in Toronto. She is survived by her husband and three daughters, Laurene, Mabel and Gwendolyn.

AC2 Wilmet Pattenden of Portage La Prairie was at home with his mother, Mrs. Colin Pattenden, and family, for Christmas.

Colin Pattenden, who has been ill in the Toronto General hospital, is expected home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Brillinger and Leonard Brillinger, Mrs. J. Tierney and Dorothy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carr on Christmas day.

Pte. George Dewsbury, Camp Borden, was at home on Christmas leave.

Wesley Sunday-school junior department held a successful Christmas party on Dec. 23. Following the concert and games, Santa Claus distributed the gifts.

The teacher, Mrs. Gould, and the pupils of Vandorf public school gave a splendid Christmas entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould, Aurora, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carr and Miss Mabel Carr on Monday evening.

Wesley ladies' association is holding its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Moddle on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6. The devotional part on "Joshua," will be taken by Miss P. Cale. The roll-call will be answered with a "Fear Not" verse.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fraser Cliff (nee Bernice Switzer), Park Lane, Toronto, are the parents of a daughter, Heather Lynn, born Friday, Dec. 17.

Kettleby, Dec. 22—George Billings of the R.C.A.F., Brandon, and Mrs. Billings, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Billings.

Miss Jean Archibald has accepted a position in a Toronto post office for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mary Crichton of the University of Toronto, is spending her Christmas holidays at her home.

The Young People's Union held their annual Christmas party at the home of Miss Lorna Lepard on Thursday, Dec. 23.

Mrs. S. MacPherson, Mr. Louis MacPherson and Miss Victoria Hunt spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webster and family.

It costs only 25 cents (if paid in a week) to tell thousands of people about that article you do not need.



It's love at first sight for Cheryl Walker and William Terry in S. Lester's love story of a young American soldier and a pretty canteen hostess. Set against the vivid background of New York's popular rendezvous for servicemen, where celebrities of screen, stage and radio play host to soldiers, sailors and marines of the United Nations "Stage Door Canteen" is slated to bow in at the Strand theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

SNOWBALL

W.A. And W.M.S. Elect New Officers For 1944

The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Herbert Patrick on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29. The roll-call was "A left-over, and how to use it."

Home economics was taken by Mrs. Raymond Haines, the convener. A demonstration and current events were included in the program. The hostesses were Mrs. J. Morning, Mrs. E. Copson and Mrs. W. Storey.

A Women's Association quilting was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Farren, Sr., on Tuesday afternoon. A good many ladies were out to help.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teasdale and daughter, Donna, of Aurora, were recent guests of Mr. Teasdale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Teasdale.

Mrs. Raymond Haines spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. Westlake, of Bolton.

Miss Ruth Webb, Toronto, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Hazel Webb.

Barbara and Brenda Morning spent a few days last week in Toronto with friends.

The W.A. and W.M.S. met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Wood on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 16. The annual election of officers was held.

The following officers were elected:

Women's Association: president, Mrs. Harry Haines; vice-pres., Mrs. Aubrey Wood; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Patrick; treasurer, Mrs. Owen Barr; devotional convener, Mrs. Clifton Copson; lunch convener, Mrs. Owen Barr and Mrs. W. Farren.

Women's Missionary society: president, Mrs. Almonte Appleton; vice-pres., Mrs. Earl Buckle; sec.-treas., Mrs. Clifford White; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. Earl Buckle; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Farren; devotional leader, Mrs. Herbert Patrick.

Pleasantville

Pleasantville, Dec. 22—The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. L. J. Harper on Tuesday afternoon, with a good attendance. A Christmas program was conducted by Mrs. Albert Penrose. Miss Leonora Starr quoted from memory, "The Cratchit Christmas Dinner."

Miss Sadie McQueen gave a splendid paper on "The World I Want to See." All enjoyed carol singing. A handkerchief shower was received for the Willowdale shelter.

Mrs. A. M. Colville had her annual Christmas party for the girls of the community on Saturday afternoon. Eighteen girls enjoyed the afternoon of games and the lovely supper served by Mrs. Colville.

Pine Orchard Union church was filled on Sunday afternoon for the candlelight Christmas service. The church was decorated with evergreens and Christmas scenery. Rev. R. R. McMath gave a splendid message.

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. McMath, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Starr had Tuesday night tea at the home of Mr. Jack Preston.

Miss Sadie McQueen was a Sunday night tea guest of Miss Florence Tucker.

Friday night tea guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Toole included Miss Marion Burgin and Rev. and Mrs. McMath.

LADIES ELECT OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the December meeting of the Everley Presbyterian W.M.S., held at the home of Miss A. A. Ferguson, the past president: president, Mrs. Andrew McClure; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. Gellatly and Mrs. L. Armistage; secretary, Miss Ethel Ferguson; treasurer, Miss A. A. Ferguson; supply, Mrs. D. M. Ross; press secretary, Mrs. W. Rolling.

Ansnoeveld

Miss Jean Nydam is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. Flag, Chatham during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Fisher spent Christmas day visiting friends in Toronto.

Miss A. Hyma left for Burlington some time ago, where she intends to remain this winter.

The pupils of S.S. 26 held their Christmas concert last Tuesday night when a well prepared program was enjoyed by a large audience.

The Christian Sunday-school held their first Christmas concert last Wednesday night. A large audience enjoyed the program. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rupke are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. Rupke, Burlington, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sneepe and children are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. Sneepe, Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Horlings and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. Verkaik, Chatham, for a few days.

LOCAL MARKET

Butter was 38 cents a pound at the special Christmas market last Wednesday afternoon. Eggs, grade A large, were 50 cents a dozen and pullet eggs were 45 cents a dozen. Chickens were 37 cents, turkeys 37 cents, and geese 34 cents a pound.

Raisin doughnuts were selling for 30 cents a dozen and plain doughnuts were 40 cents a dozen. Cooking apples were 35 cents a six-quart basket. Walnuts were two pounds for 25 cents.

TORONTO MARKETS

Butter, creamery solids, No. 1, was 35 cents a pound on the Toronto markets on Tuesday. Creamery prints, first grade, were 36 1/2 cents a pound. Country dealers were quoted on graded eggs, cases free, delivered to Toronto, for grade A large, 36 cents a dozen, A medium, 34 cents, and A pullets, 31 cents.

Nominal prices to the shipper for poultry were: spring broilers, 11 to 14 pounds, 28 cents a pound; fowl, over 5 pounds, 26 1/2 cents; chickens, over 5 pounds, 30 cents; young turkeys, 36 cents; young geese, heads and wingtips off, 24 cents; young ducks, heads and wingtips off, 26 cents.

Weighty steers brought \$11.50 to \$13; butcher steers, \$10.50 to \$12.25; heifers, \$12 down; butchers cows, \$7 to \$9; canners and cutters, \$5 to \$6.75; bulls, \$7.60 to \$9; feed yearlings, \$12 to \$13.50; stockers, \$7.50 to \$9.50.

Veal calves were \$15.50 to \$16.50, with other grades downward to \$10.

Lambs were \$12.50 to \$13 for good ewes and wethers, and \$6 to \$9 for culls. Sheep were \$3 to \$6.50.

Hogs sold at \$17.15 dressed-weight and sows at \$13 dressed-weight.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

AND OTHERS IN THE ESTATE OF ALMA STRONG BROUGHTON, LATE OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET, MARRIED WOMAN, DECEASED.

Creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to send full particulars of the same to the undersigned, Solicitor for the Executor of the last will and testament of the deceased, on or before the 31st day of January, 1944, after which date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to claims of which he shall then have notice.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1943.

T. W. W. Evans, Bradford, Ont. Solicitor for the Executor

Union Street

Mr. and Mrs. D. Beckett spent Christmas with Mrs. W. R. Ashenbush, Newmarket.

Mrs. Hattie Robinson and Miss Betty Sedore, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swanson.

Pte. Sim Graves, Camp Borden, spent Christmas at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Micks and family had tea Christmas night with Mrs. L. Johnston and Percy and Arthur James.

Mr. and Mrs. A. English and family, Mrs. Good and Mr. and Mrs. Everton Good and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. English.

Guests who spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Wilfred Crowder were Miss G. Crowder, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Merton Rutledge, Ravenshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thompson, Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Will Mino and family, Newmarket, and Mrs. T. J. Crowder, Clara and Evelyn, Newmarket.

Misses Jean and Margaret Graves, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Milled, Queensville, and Miss Eileen Gooding, Gormley, had tea Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. Beckett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Cumming spent Christmas in Toronto with Mrs. Cumming's sister, Mrs. Edwards, and Mr. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sedore, Keswick, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sedore.

The regular meeting of the Union Street Women's Institute will be held at the home of Percy James on Jan. 6 at 2 p.m.

The roll-call will be answered with "A way to help children form good habits." There will be a guest speaker. The program committee is Mrs. E. Payne, Mrs. Tom Swanson and Mrs. D. Beckett. The lunch committee is Mrs. Walter Rose, Mrs. Irving Rose and Mrs. W. McClure.

PINE ORCHARD

The Willing Workers will hold a not luck dinner at the home of Mrs. George Hunt, assisted by Mrs. G. McClure, on Wednesday, Jan. 5. The proceeds are for missionary work.

Albert Clarke and Carroll Morrill spent Christmas at their home in Toronto.

There was a large attendance at the Christmas service at the Union church on Dec. 19. The candlelight ceremony was impressive. The church was, becomingly decorated for the occasion.

The solo by Miss Gwen Lambert, Newmarket, was greatly appreciated. Rev. R. R. McMath's subject for the day was "Why Christmas?" There was a most generous response of white gifts for Rev. Mr. Koffend's mission in Toronto.

Mrs. John Reid spent Christmas week with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Brown, Toronto.

LAC Richard Thompson, Brandon, Man., is on 14 days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Thompson.

AC1 and Mrs. Howard Lehman and Anna Jean, Montreal, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shropshire.

AC2 Richard Hutchinson, Calgary, Alta., and AC2 Harvey Preston, Souris, Man., spent Christmas at home.

Miss Betty Hope of Toronto normal school is spending the Christmas vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Allan and Miss Aleta Widdifield spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Colin Widdifield, Newmarket.

A social evening was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brandon, Jr., on Christmas eve, in honor of AC2 Richard Hutchinson. During the evening a beautiful R.C.A.F. writing kit was presented to AC2 Hutchinson on behalf of the congregation of the Disciple church. On behalf of the community, an R.C.A.F. ring was presented.

Games, a sing-song and lunch brought to a close a pleasant evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Skinner and Jacqueline, Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Allan, Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, Sharon, AC1 Kenneth Widdifield, Montreal, and AC1 and Mrs. Howard Lehman, Montreal, were among those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Chapman spent Christmas day at the

SCHOMBERG Creamery Is Entered Twice Within Month

Mrs. Walter Aitchison and Miss Cora Aitchison visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Beatty at Kettleby on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McGowan and Mrs. E. Carter and Lorne visited Mr. and Mrs. J. McGowan, Barrie, on Saturday.

Cpl. Roy Howard, Trenton, spent Christmas with his wife and family. Mr. and Mrs. M. Robertson, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lepard spent Saturday with Mrs. Lepard's mother, Mrs. John Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Winter and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cunningham and daughter of Barrie spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Winter.

Mrs. I. Birns, Nobleton, visited Rev. and Mrs. F. V. Abbott on Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Webster, Toronto, visited Dr. and Mrs. McLeod on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jordan and son, Barry, Hamilton, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Bartlett, Lloyd-ton, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Shouls.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and son visited friends in Toronto over the weekend.

Miss Mabel Skinner, Islington, is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Miss A. Skinner.

Mrs. Grant Dillane and son of Newmarket is visiting Dr. and Mrs. M. K. Dillane.

Pte. Rachel Proctor of the C.W.A.C., Toronto, and George Proctor of the R.C.A.F. spent the weekend at the home of their parents.

Schomberg, Dec. 22—Mrs. G. Voss and Dorando spent Thursday and Friday in Toronto.

Mr. Ken. Sutton, Toronto, spent the weekend at his home here.

Mr. Albert Robertson, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Boyd Proctor, returned to Newmarket on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Marchant are the parents of a baby boy, born Sunday, Dec. 19.

Mr. Ed. Abbott and Miss Kathleen Abbott spent the weekend with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. V. Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Aitchison and family spent Thursday in Toronto.

Miss Dorothy Woods, Sask., is spending a few weeks with her uncle, Mr. Harry Woods, and family.

A Christmas concert was presented last Monday afternoon by the pupils of the public school. Their parents were invited and they turned out in large numbers. The children ably entertained the guests, after which the teachers served lunch. A collection was taken for the Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hunter entertained the high school pupils and teachers on Friday evening at their home. The evening was spent in games, singing and dancing.

The Schomberg creamery seems to be a bright spot for thieves who have entered it twice within a month or so.

home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Harper, Pleasantville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Collins, Newmarket, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. R. Armitage and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reid spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Roffey, Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston and Earl and Mr. and Mrs. Eveleigh and Bruce, Aurora, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. Chapman.

Misses Helen Reid and Betty Hope attended Mrs. A. M. Colville's Christmas party on Dec. 18.

Herbert Reid of the R.C.N.V.R. telegraphed his mother, Mrs. John Reid, flowers for Christmas.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brandon, Sr., on Christmas day.

Mrs. Harold Sanderson, Newmarket, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lehman.

KING COUNCIL PAYS ACCOUNTS AND BOUNTIES

The last regular meeting of King township council was held at the Temperance hall, Kettleby, on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

All the members were present except Councillor Lorne Good-fellow.

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My Answers Are

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11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.	19.	20.

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Address _____

At Puzzles There's Nothing Too Tough, Those Ad Puzzlers Don't Have To Prove It Enough

Twenty-five contestants sent in correct answers to last week's contest. Others were late or incorrect. The non-winning correct answers will be credited to those submitting them and kept for use in breaking future ties.

This week's five winners are: Marlon Rose, Newmarket; Francis Elphinstone, 7 D'Arcy St., Newmarket; Mrs. Harry Boag, 63 Gorham St., Newmarket; Mrs. Ted Ballie, 23 Gorham St., Newmarket; Helen McBride, Newmarket.

These five winners have their choice of the program at the Strand theatre on Tuesday, Jan. 4, when "Stage Door Canteen," in which there are 43 stars and six great bands, is the feature, or on Thursday, Jan. 6, when "Journey for Margaret," starring Robert Young and Laraine Day, and "Baby Face Morgan" are on the program. Passes may be picked up any evening at the Strand theatre.

The correct answers were: grayish, improvements, license, concession, reservoir, delivered, supports, sleigh, mattress and strong.

WANT ADS

The rate for Want Ads is 25 cents for 25 words for one insertion; 40 cents for two insertions; 50 cents for three insertions. For over 25 words, each additional word, one insertion, one cent, additional insertions, one-half cent per insertion. 25c extra if not paid within week of first insertion, 10c extra for use of box number.

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For sale—At Insley's, 8 oz. men's shower-proof Savannah duck, lined with woolly sheepskin fur. Large beaver lamb fur collar. *3w48

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ARTICLES WANTED

Wanted to buy—Scrap iron, metal, rags, papers, feathers, etc. Hartman Scrap Metals, Wellington St., West, Aurora, phone 261. c1w48

Wanted to buy—Radio, mantel, good condition, able to work on 60-watt. Phone Newmarket 338. *1w48

Lost—In post office or on Main or Botsford St., Newmarket, two keys on ring. One is post office box key. Please leave at Era and Express office. *1w48

Lost—Two dogs in King township. Beagle hound, male, black and white. Female hound, salt and pepper. Both branded with letter "H". Charlie Harman, Newmarket, phone 693. *1w48

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For sale—New and used car, truck and tractor parts. Apply Goodman Auto Wreckers, Newmarket. c1w38

WOOD FOR SALE

For sale—10 acres bush. Apply Dan Kmet, R. R. 3, Newmarket. *1w48

PETS

For sale—Border fancy canaries. Singers and hens. Selling out. Apply George Close, 2 Lydia St., Newmarket. Post office box 283. *3w46

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF ROY HARMON, LATE OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, FINISHER, DECEASED.

Creditors of the above-named deceased who died at the Town of Newmarket on the 11th day of July, 1943, are hereby notified pursuant to the Trustee Act to send to the undersigned proof of their claims on or before the 31st day of January, 1944, after which date the assets of the estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the undersigned will then have notice.

Dated at Newmarket this 22nd day of December, A.D. 1943.

Mathews, Stiver, Lyons & Vale, Newmarket, Ontario, Solicitors for Rebecca Harmon Administratrix. c3w48

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF GEORGE WALKER, LATE OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT ALBERT, IN THE COUNTY OF YORK, GENTLEMAN, DECEASED.

Creditors of the above-named deceased, who died at the Town of Newmarket, on the 21st day of September, 1943, are hereby notified pursuant to the Trustee Act to send to the undersigned proof of their claims on or before the 18th day of January, 1944, after which date the assets of the estate will be distributed having regard only to those claims of which the undersigned will then have notice.

Dated at Newmarket this 16th day of December, A.D. 1943.

John Albert Walker, and Percy Clarence Walker, Mount Albert, Ontario, executors. c3w46

BIRTHS

MacMillan—At York County hospital, Dec. 22, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. W. MacMillan, Queensville, a son. Rate—At York County hospital, Dec. 27, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rate, Mount Albert, a son.

DEATHS

Abbs—On Sunday, Dec. 26, 1943, at his residence, 31 Anderson Ave., Toronto, Frank Abbs, husband of Ada Fowler Abbs.

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon, Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Boyd—At Newmarket, on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1943, James Boyd, husband of Eliza Letch, and father of Dr. S. J. Boyd, Newmarket, and Rev. H. A. Boyd.

The funeral service was held in Litchfield on Friday afternoon, Interment Litchfield cemetery.

Bramley—On Saturday, Dec. 25, 1943, at her residence, Aurora, Mildred Berdina Bramley, widow of Henry Bramley, mother of Mrs. William B. Hanna, Mrs. Gladys S. Digby and Mrs. Kenneth Wilson.

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Tuesday afternoon, Interment Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Breith—Suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 20, 1943, at Brampton, John Abraham Breith, husband of Della Morrison, father of Ruth, Jean, Iris, George, Timothy, James, Harold and Roy.

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Thursday afternoon, Interment Dixon Hill cemetery, Ringwood.

Burgess—At St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, on Monday, Dec. 27, 1943, Jennie Livingston, wife of the late Oliver Burgess, formerly of 60 Alexander St., Toronto, sister of Mrs. J. F. Scott, Newmarket; Mrs. J. J. Vincent, Bothwell; Mrs. McKee, Port William.

The funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose on Wednesday evening, Interment Bunsell cemetery, Thursday.

Ganton—At Newmarket, on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1943, Mary Jane Monkhouse, wife of the late Thomas James Ganton, in her 79th year.

The funeral service was held at the chapel of Roadhouse and Rose

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commencing Jan. 1, I will carry a full line of Sun-Ray and Sunateria feeds, mash and concentrates. These are first-class feeds, tried and proven. A trial will convince you. Information gladly given. I. G. Arnold, drover, Queensville. *6w48

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Wanted to buy—Fox feed. Old horses, dead horses, dead cows. We pay for the dead animals if they are fit for our use. Advise immediately at dead stock soon spoils. O. B. Thompson, Holland Landing, phone 511, Newmarket. c1w48

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New Year's Resolutions

By GOLDEN GLOW

Once again we stand on the threshold of a new year, and speculations as to when the war will end are heard on every side, especially over the air, from all sources. This morning, the Monday after Christmas, over the 9 o'clock newscast, the announcer said that General Eisenhower confidently stated that the war in Europe would end next year.

Another announcer yesterday said that a New Year's resolution, for each and all of us should be that we keep our shoulders to the wheel and do all in our power to further the war effort, for in united effort alone was our hope of victory.

Two years ago, on Dec. 21, the edict went out, "No more weather reports over the air," and we all missed them tremendously, especially Sunday nights, for, of course, we saw the usual weather report in our daily papers other days. But now, once again, the weather report is broadcast, and last night, Sunday, people who had been indoors, and perhaps had not discovered the fact that a freezing rain was falling, making the pavements and sidewalks glassy, would get a timely warning to avoid the slippery roads.

It was with general rejoicing that we greeted the announcement a few days ago that once more the weather was to be broadcast. Isn't it queer how so much of our war news comes on Sundays, as for instance, the sinking of the Scharnhorst yesterday? If you recall, it was on a Sunday, early in 1940, that the Graf Spee scuttling and sinking was broadcast. Those of us who heard that broadcast will never forget it!

Yes, too, it was on a Sunday last year, Dec. 20, the thermometer fell to 40 degrees below zero, and many celebrated (?) the first day of winter by thawing out frozen water-pipes! Now some people are arguing as to whether we had

on Wednesday afternoon. Interment Newmarket cemetery.

Hutchcroft—At Toronto General hospital, on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1943, Albert B. Hutchcroft, husband of Frances E. Hutchcroft, father of Mrs. E. Naylor (Alice), Mrs. Fred. Given (May), Mrs. Sydney Laws (Winifred), William and James.

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Thursday evening, Interment Newmarket cemetery Friday morning. (Masonic service).

Mader—At St. Michael's hospital, Toronto, on Monday, Dec. 27, 1943, James Eric Mader, in his 46th year, son of the late Marion Pearson and the late Julius Robert Mader, formerly of Newmarket.

The funeral service was held at the residence this afternoon. Cremation Toronto crematorium.

Scott—At the residence of his sister, Mrs. L. J. Glass, lot 6, con. 6, King township, on Saturday, Dec. 25, 1943, Lewis W. Scott, husband of the late Ada Robson, father of Earle, Lorne and Laurence of King, and Kenneth, overseas, in his 63rd year.

The funeral service was held at Lasky church on Tuesday afternoon. Interment King cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. James Boyd, Dr. S. J. Boyd and family wish to thank their friends in Newmarket for their sympathy during the recent bereavement and loss of husband and father.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sproxtton take this opportunity to express their appreciation to all the friends and neighbors who assisted in the wood box last week, owing to Mr. Sproxtton's recent illness.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Earl Harrison, Queensville, wishes to thank the neighbors for their thoughtfulness and kindness when she was in York County hospital.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. F. Kirton wishes to thank all his friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful at the time of the sudden death of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Kirton.

CARD OF THANKS

Cpl. C. F. Bone wishes to thank the Newmarket Veterans' Association for the Christmas box received and wishes them all a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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NEW YEAR'S SERVICES

11 a.m.—"THE CYNIC'S NEW YEAR"

230 p.m.—Sunday-school

7 p.m.—"FACING THE UNKNOWN"

Fri. Dec. 31, 11 p.m.—Community watch-night service and Lord's table.

Tues., 8 p.m.—Christian Endeavor Wed., 8 p.m.—Prayer service

Weekly thought: "We may not know what the year holds but we do know who holds the year."

A Friendly Welcome Awaits You

FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Rev. L. E. Sparks — Minister

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10 a.m.—Sunday-school

11 a.m.—Communion service

"THE CHRIST FOR EVERYBODY"

7 p.m.—"NEVER PASSED THIS WAY BEFORE"

Jan. 3rd to 7th, Week of Prayer at Trinity Church

Dec. 31st, 11 p.m.—Union watch-night service at Congregational-Christian church.

NEWMARKET GOSPEL TABERNACLE

Associated Gospel Churches of Canada

12 Millard Ave.

9:50 a.m.—Bible school

11 a.m.—"1944 WITH CHRIST AS OUR ALPHA"

12 a.m.—Communion

7 p.m.—"TRUSTING THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE FUTURE, AS OUR GUIDE"

Come and bring a friend

MAPLE HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

11 a.m.—Bible school

Evening service discontinued in the church until spring

7:30 p.m.—Young People's at the home of Pastor Sid. Kerr

All Welcome

A Happy New Year to All

Pastor: E. S. Kerr

PINE ORCHARD UNION CHURCH

230 P.M.

NEW YEAR RALLY

Soloist: Mr. C. E. Boyd

Minister: Rev. R. R. McMath

WEEK OF PRAYER

JAN. 3 - 7

Under the auspices of the Newmarket Ministerial Association will be held in Trinity United church. The meetings start at 8 p.m. each evening.

Monday—The speaker will be REV. HENRY COTTON

Tuesday—REV. L. R. COUPLAND

Wednesday—REV. L. E. SPARKS

Thursday—REV. G. H. JOHNSON

Friday—REV. A. B. STEIN

The meeting on Monday evening will be in the charge of the young people.

a white or a green Christmas. We certainly had snow, even if it did not cover everything.

There was wonderful skating on Fairy Lake, so I should think we can safely say it was a "white" Christmas. Optimism is everywhere—but as I said before, let it be our New Year's resolution not to relax our war effort in any way, and do our part consistently to ensure an early victory.

WILL HOLD INSTALLATION SERVICES ON SUNDAY

At Trinity United church on Sunday morning the installation services will be held for the officers of all the church organizations, including the Sunday-school, Women's Association, Evangeline and afternoon auxiliaries of the Women's Missionary Societies, Mission Circle, Young People's Union, Explorers and Canadian Girls in Training.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowe, Queensville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Edna Irene, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weddell, Keswick. The wedding to take place in January.

WEDDING

COCHRAN - STOUTER

Married at Zion United church, Moosejaw, Sask., Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stouffer, Bateman, Sask., to Mr. Oliver Cochran of Calgary.

In Memoriam

Lepard—In loving memory of our dear father, George A. Lepard, who passed away Jan. 4, 1943.

You're not forgotten father dear, Nor ever shall you be; As long as life and memory last We shall remember thee.

Georgina, Charles and children.

Story—In loving memory of Mrs. John Storey, who passed away Dec. 23, 1941.

God knows how much we miss her, Never shall her memory fade, Loving thoughts shall ever wander To the spot where she is laid.

Sadly missed by her sisters, Effie and Tilly, and brother, Roy.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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—Miss Leta Hopkinson, Kitchener, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hopkinson.

—Miss Dorothy Fogal, St. Thomas, is spending her Christmas vacation as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Neilly.

—Mrs. Carl Niebergall and Master Steven, Stratford, are spending two weeks with Mrs. Niebergall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hopkinson.

—Miss Margaret Cummings and Mr. Wm. Keeley, Toronto, Mr. Howard Moore and Mrs. Ada Everest, Newmarket, spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Adams.

—Messrs. Walter and Roy Denne spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Schrank.

—Mr. William Shadland, Toronto, and Cpl. and Mrs. Richard McKinstry, and daughter of Vancouver, B.C., were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morrison.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gilroy, Sutton, and Miss Gladys Gilroy, Toronto, spent Sunday with their son and brother, Mr. H. E. Gilroy, and Mrs. Gilroy.

—Miss Miriam Trehwella, Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays at her home.

—Miss Martha Coorsen, Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays at her home.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King and family and Stoker and Mrs. D. R. DuVall, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Roy Watson.

—Mrs. Charles F. Wood and Miss Bertha Wood, Aurora, spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Wood.

—Mr. Fleming Young was a guest of Mrs. Ed. Montgomery at the home of Mr. Clifford Soules, Toronto, on Christmas day.

—Miss Beverly Bryan, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend as a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bosworth.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowman and daughter spent the Christmas weekend as guests of Mr. Bowman's sister, Mrs. G. H. Sloan, and Mr. Sloan, Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kerr, Misses Margaret, Mildred and Doreen Kerr, Courtland, Miss Eileen Boyd, North Bay, Squadron Leader Glen Boyd, Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boyd and Johnny, Miss Ella Kerr and Mr. Howard Boyd, all of Toronto, spent Christmas weekend as guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Boyd.

—Miss Evelyn Sanderson, Claremont, spent Sunday a guest of Mrs. Frank Duncan.

—Misses Catherine Boyd and Thora McCauley, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd and son of Nobel were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd.

—Misses Bessie and Ruby Carruthers, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Carruthers.

—Capt. and Mrs. W. O. Noble, St. Thomas, were visiting friends in town on Monday.

—P.O. and Mrs. George Johns, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Johns and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boag spent Christmas Day with relatives at Rockwood.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Plummer and daughter, Doreen, Mr. Wm. Lawrence and Mrs. Johnston, Toronto, spent Christmas Day as guests of Mr. Wm. J. Sawdon.

—LAC and Mrs. Ted Bothwell spent Christmas Day with LAC Bothwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bothwell.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hill, Toronto, Mrs. A. W. Rowe and Mr. James Rowe, Aurora, spent the Christmas weekend with Mrs. C. K. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Teskey.

—Mr. Corbet E. Haigh and son, Pilot Officer Douglas Haigh, Souris, Man., spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Rosamond last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lindenbaum are visiting friends and relatives in Toronto this week.

—Miss Thelma Blair, Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend at her home.

—Mrs. Stella Boyd spent the Christmas weekend with her sister, Mrs. Robt. Pinder, Newtonbrook.

—Misses Josephine Isabel Smith, Marjorie Shaw, Annabelle Ross and Mr. H. R. Larden, all of Toronto, spent the Christmas weekend as guests of Miss Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith.

—Mr. Gordon Vokes, Toronto, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Jane Vokes.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClelland and family spent the Christmas weekend with Mrs. McClelland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Palk, Shanty Bay.

—Mr. and Mrs. Vern Williams and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mr. Williams' father, Mr. Norman Williams.

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—Miss Leta Hopkinson, Kitchener, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hopkinson.

—Miss Dorothy Fogal, St. Thomas, is spending her Christmas vacation as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Neilly.

—Mrs. Carl Niebergall and Master Steven, Stratford, are spending two weeks with Mrs. Niebergall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hopkinson.

—Miss Margaret Cummings and Mr. Wm. Keeley, Toronto, Mr. Howard Moore and Mrs. Ada Everest, Newmarket, spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Adams.

—Messrs. Walter and Roy Denne spent Christmas day as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Schrank.

—Mr. William Shadland, Toronto, and Cpl. and Mrs. Richard McKinstry, and daughter of Vancouver, B.C., were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morrison.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gilroy, Sutton, and Miss Gladys Gilroy, Toronto, spent Sunday with their son and brother, Mr. H. E. Gilroy, and Mrs. Gilroy.

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—Mr. Fleming Young was a guest of Mrs. Ed. Montgomery at the home of Mr. Clifford Soules, Toronto, on Christmas day.

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—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kerr, Misses Margaret, Mildred and Doreen Kerr, Courtland, Miss Eileen Boyd, North Bay, Squadron Leader Glen Boyd, Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Boyd and Johnny, Miss Ella Kerr and Mr. Howard Boyd, all of Toronto, spent Christmas weekend as guests of Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Boyd.

—Miss Evelyn Sanderson, Claremont, spent Sunday a guest of Mrs. Frank Duncan.

—Misses Catherine Boyd and Thora McCauley, Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyd and son of Nobel were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Boyd.

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—Capt. and Mrs. W. O. Noble, St. Thomas, were visiting friends in town on Monday.

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WITH THE FORCES

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Pte. Bernard Lopatriello is now stationed at No. 23 B.T.C. with the dental corps.

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Home for Christmas from the R.C.O.C. shoe depot at Montreal, P.Q., were Ptes. Wesley Heaney, Gordon Horner, George Hodgins and Gordon Latimer.

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Wren Irene Heath, H.M.C.S. Conestoga, Galt, spent the holiday weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Heath.

LAW Doris Whitelaw, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), Aylmer, spent the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Whitelaw.

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SERVING AURORA AND DISTRICT

Are We Disregarding Municipal Law?

The big question before Aurora's new 1944 town council is not where or how to find funds to make the 15th payment on certain local improvement debentures. There was no impropriety concerning the sale of those debentures. The town levied on the property-owners concerned a year before it needed to do so, but the liability appears in the auditor's reports, as it should, in the "current balance sheet."

That would be adequate protection of the funds pre-levied provided that the town drew up and attempted to balance each year, as is required by the Municipal Act, a budget which included as one of its expenditures any deficit from the previous year's "current balance sheet."

But recent councils at least have not balanced their budgets, and that is the cause of the embarrassment which now arises. In a real sense, as the result of successive failures to balance our municipal budget, the funds pre-levied have been "raided" or "misspent." The deficits shown by the current balance sheet of the last four years more than equal the \$9,000 in question, in fact, total over \$13,000. Theoretically, those particular funds are still there. Actually, instead of having \$13,000 on deposit, as the town had in December, 1929, the year the first levy was collected, the town owes money to the bank.

The current balance sheets of the last four auditor's reports show deficits that make it clear that there was no attempt to balance the budget, as required by law.

The deficit for the year ended Dec. 31, 1939, was \$4,395.87, or nearly three mills on the assessment, for 1940, \$1,530.40, for 1941, \$4,765.70, for 1942, \$2,404.86. These deficits represent a minimum statement of the situation because, as the auditor stated this year: "No provision has been made for further possible losses on uncollectible taxes and lots acquired through tax sales."

It is true that the auditor's reports have been showing a current surplus from which each year's "deficit" has been deducted, but that this surplus was misnamed and should have been long before used to write off property acquired at tax sales or uncollectible taxes is evident from the auditor's advice to the council to budget in 1943 "for absorbing this deficit."

This so-called "current surplus" amounted to \$14,283 in December, 1938, but has now, it seems from the treasurer's financial statement, been wiped out.

What does the Municipal Act say? Section 315 says that the municipal council "shall in each year levy . . . a sum sufficient to pay all debts of the corporation, whether of principal or interest, falling due within the year . . ." Section 316 says that the municipal council "shall in each year prepare and adopt estimates of all sums required during the year . . . and such estimates shall set forth the estimated revenues and expenditures in such detail and according to such form as the department (of municipal affairs) may from time to time prescribe."

"All debts of the corporation" include the deficit from the previous year. The budgets of each of the past four years should have taken into account the previous year's deficit, and all other expected expenditures, and estimated revenues, and then set a tax rate that would have balanced the budget.

Instead of observing the law, and protecting the value of our homes, by paying our way, as is required by law, we have made up budgets to fit the tax rate rather than a tax rate to fit the budget.

The town auditor in his report for 1942 said: "A deficit of \$2,404.86 has further reduced the current surplus, which now stands at \$1,187.06. The 1943 estimates should provide for absorbing this deficit."

We do not believe that the 1943 budget did take this deficit into account. If it did, it left out at least one other expenditure, namely bank interest, which in 1942 amounted to \$975, or more than half a mill on the assessment.

A report in this newspaper of April 8 of this year said:

Aurora's town budget is merely something "to aim at" in making expenditures and is not used for the purpose of determining the tax rate. Deputy-Reeve C. E. Sparks told Aurora town council on Monday evening.

Mr. Sparks said that there was no specific provision in the budget for bank interest, in answer to a question from Councillor Dr. G. A. C. Guntion, although the town at the present time owes the bank \$33,590 (includes purchase price of Bank of Montreal building).

Dr. Guntion said that the council should raise the mill rate sufficiently to take care of the town's expenditures.

Clerk A. C. A. Willis said that "if we did that the rate would be 18 mills."

"We have a lot of money coming in in 1945," said Mayor Frank Underhill. There would be a four and a half mill reduction in debenture payments, said Mr. Willis.

Mr. Sparks made a report, accepted by the council, that provided that Aurora would have a 40-mill tax rate, both through the years that would mean a deficit and the years that would mean a surplus, "until such time as the loan is completely cleared off."

The auditor's report was before the council and showed a deficit of \$2,404.86. "The 1943 estimates should provide for absorbing this deficit," said the report. This deficit did not take into account water and light returns, water, profit of \$5,878, or \$4,293 after making reserves for depreciation and bad debts, light, profit of \$1,452, or a loss of \$597 after making reserves.

Mr. Sparks recommended that \$3,990 be transferred from water department reserves and \$2,500 from light department reserves to the general fund as the share of the two departments in the purchase of the new municipal building.

Mr. Linton questioned whether the departments would then share in the revenues from the building and whether the Hydro-Electric local commission, when established, would pay rent to the town.

Mr. Sparks, in explaining the town's financial position, said that the town deficits had been taken care of by the collection of arrears of taxes and that the town's assets decreased accordingly.

The truth is that a budget which does not include all expenditures is not even something "to aim at." There is no provision in the Municipal Act for the stabilized tax rate which the Aurora council this year approved, that is, a 40-mill rate which would result in deficits for a few years but would eventually, as debentures were paid off, result in a balanced budget. The act requires that each year shall be sufficient unto itself—"shall in each year levy a sum sufficient to pay all debts."

Our town councils deserve great credit for the way they have handled the finances of the water and light departments. The big question before the 1944 council is whether the rest of the town's business is to be similarly handled—whether the budget is to be balanced and reserves re-established.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bogart, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bogart and Miss Gladys Bogart, Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce VanLoon and son, Billy, Toronto, spent Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Huffman are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Swerdloff, Brockville.

Misses Carol McNaught, Humboldt Collegiate Institute, and Valencia McNaught, Alma College, St. Thomas, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Seath, and their brother, Charlie McNaught.

Ex-Reeve A. J. Knowles, Mrs. Knowles and family of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. R. Cockerill.

PARTY HELPS BOYS

Employees of the Collis Leather Co. each received a goose from the firm, including all employees on active service. Children of the employees each received a Christmas stocking at the firm's party last week. Turkeys and geese were raffled off, the proceeds going to the employees' cigarette fund for the boys on active service.

GRADUATES AT JARVIS

Sgt. Russell ("Blondie") Rawlings, King, former student and athlete at Aurora high school, graduated as a wireless air-gunner at Jarvis R.C.A.F. centre last week.

AURORA, ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH, 1943

Social and Personal

Reeve C. A. Malloy and the Misses M. and C. Malloy spent Christmas at Bolton with Mr. and Mrs. Werden Leavens.

Misses Lorraine and Patricia Guntion, Women's College hospital, Toronto, spent the holiday weekend with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. C. Guntion.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leggett, Miss Anna Leggett and Mrs. Robert Bryan spent Christmas at Maple with Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Muir McDonald and family of Sydenham spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hacking and family of Cobourg spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Osborne.

Christmas guests of Mrs. M. L. Andrews and Misses Marjorie and Bertha Andrews were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brooks of Newmarket, and S.B.A. Bob Brooks, R.C.N., H.M.C.S. York, Toronto.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hess spent Christmas at Norwich with Mrs. Hess's parents.

L-Cpl. Stella Keller, C.W.A.C., Aurora, is spending the holiday season with her parents at Mel-bourne, Sask.

Holiday guests at Mr. and Mrs. George Case's, Snowball, included Mrs. Clifford Case and family of Aurora, Tpr. George Case, Camp Borden, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ritchie and son, Peter, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown and daughter, Barbara, St. Johns, P.Q., and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Case and Misses Constance and Doris Case, Toronto.

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Miss Constance Willis, Hamilton, is spending the seasonal holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence La-Waska, Brockville, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald.

Miss Helen Boynton, Toronto, is spending the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boynton.

Mr. Harold LaValle, Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James LaValle.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gramshaw, Toronto, spent the Christmas holiday with Mr. George Teasdale, Sr.

Cpl. Bert Lynd, R.C.A., Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Mrs. Lynd, Ottawa, spent Christmas with Mrs. A. V. Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, Toronto, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. James Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Morley and Grant, Vaudor, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Murray spent Christmas in Toronto with Sgt. and Mrs. James Murray.

Mrs. Herbert Lewis, Miss Orma Lewis and Roy Graham spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. V. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. William Belfry spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter, Mrs. L. Goldsmith, Toronto.

Mr. Roy Holman, Sudbury, spent Christmas with his sister, Miss Lina Holman.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pullman and Miss Sonya Pullman, Midland, spent the holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Findlay.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Hicks and family spent Christmas day with Mrs. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Symington, Cambridge, Ont.

Pte. and Mrs. Arie Barselaar and daughter of Montreal, P.Q., spent the Christmas weekend with Mrs. Barselaar's mother, Mrs. M. V. Nicol.

Mr. Wilfred Adams spent several days this week at Peterboro and also attended the Ontario secondary school teachers' federation meetings in Toronto.

Mrs. Harold Bridgeman, Toronto, spent Christmas with her father, Major W. H. Taylor, and her sister, Mrs. Robert Hodgkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hamer and son, of Toronto, and Miss Lavilla Hamer, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hamer.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stoutt and Marilyn spent Christmas at Hamilton.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kline Wood included Mr. and Mrs. C. Newton and son, Jack, of Newmarket, Miss Marie Newton, Toronto, and AC2 Bert Newton, Toronto.

Miss Gwendolyn Martin, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Hudson.

CONTEST REEVESHIP



Deputy-Reeve C. E. Sparks (above) and Councillor Dr. G. A. C. Guntion (below) are the candidates in Monday's municipal election for the office of reeve.

LIEUT. WM. STUART IS WOUNDED IN ITALY

Word has been received by his parents that Lieut. William Stuart, second son of ex-Councillor and Mrs. John Stuart, has been wounded in action in Italy.

Lieut. Stuart, who was with the Canadian Bank of Commerce before the war, enlisted with the Toronto Scottish in the ranks, going overseas in 1940. He won his promotion in England, and was transferred from the Scottish to another branch of the service. He went to Italy a few months ago. Lieut. Stuart was mentioned in dispatches from overseas a few weeks ago.

A younger brother, LAC Alex. Stuart, is serving with the R.C.A.F. overseas. Lieut. Stuart is the third son of an economic system in the Italian campaign. L-Cpl. Bruce Stiles is reported missing and C.O.M.S. William Trent, wounded. During the morning Rev. Canon F. J. Fife delivered a seasonal message to the students.

SOCIALISM WINS OUT IN A. H. S. DEBATE

Fifth form debaters triumphed over fourth form in the opening debate for the school championship last week. Taking the negative side of the debate, "Resolved that capitalism is an economic system superior to socialism," the winning team was composed of Alice Clark and Harold Middle. The losers were Peter Crysdale and Bill Williams.

Third form presented the program, featuring a crooning trio of Bruce Underhill, Don Strydom and Charlie Williams with Mickey McNaught doing a Rubloff. Harold Laibcock and Irene Brodie headed the cast of a skit.

ELECT OFFICERS

Mrs. A. Hazen has been elected president of the parochial guild of Trinity Anglican church. Other officers named are: hon. pres., Miss Eva Lemon; sec., Mrs. Arthur Ashton; treas., Mrs. Stewart Patrick; hostess, Mrs. E. Ellis; convener of tables, Miss Anna Smith.

MAKE PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Harry Jones, Capt. Stewart Patrick, and Lieut. Jack Browning of the Aurora fire brigade visited the home of AC2 Herbert McKenzie, former secretary of the brigade, to present him with a pen and pencil set on behalf of his comrades on Monday evening.

CAROL SINGERS RAISE \$33 FOR BRITISH CHILDREN

A group of Aurora young people raised \$33.50 last week for the Christmas Cheer for Britain fund by making use of the old English custom of singing carols from door to door. Included in the group were Jean Patterson, Bill Babcock, Dudley Wilcox, Pete King, Isobel Dunning, Joan Crysdale, Jonn Swindle, Charlie Williams, Bill Williams, Shirley Saigle, Frances Moore, Jacqueline Thompson, Douglas Pratt, Margaret Harvie, Harold Middle and Larry Maughan.

Ross Linton Is Youngest Mayor, Will Vote Monday

There will be an election in Aurora on Monday. Deputy-Reeve C. E. Sparks and Councillor Dr. G. A. C. Guntion will contest the reeveship.

Mrs. Chas. Bilbrough will contest with Dr. C. J. Devins, Fred C. Davis and Clarence Doolittle the three open seats on the public school board.

Councillor A. A. Cook becomes deputy-reeve by acclamation. Councillors A. N. Fisher and Fred Rowland, and Robert Thomson, Thomas Swindle, Rod. V. Smith and Dr. Crawford Rose receive acclamations as councillors. Aurora will have its first nine-man council.

Hydro-electric commissioners are ex-Mayor George Baldwin and Fred Babcock.

Mrs. Bilbrough, the new contender for the school board, is the wife of a former town councillor, has two sons overseas, is president of the United church W.A. and an ex-president of the Women's Institute.

The other candidates, particularly Dr. Devins and Mr. Davis, have long periods of service on the school board to their credit.

Councillor Ross Linton became Aurora's chief magistrate for 1944 when Mayor Frank Underhill after three years in office withdrew at a nomination meeting on Monday. Councillor Linton will enter his sixth term in council and will be the youngest man ever to hold the mayorship in Aurora.

"I have received loyal support and co-operation from the council," said Mayor Underhill. "The men who sat with me did business as you would expect a good council to do. We had our disagreements but worked together well. I believe the money spent for our new offices was well spent and that the affairs of the town are in a fairly healthy state. See you get men who will accept responsibility in your new council. There are great responsibilities while the war is on and greater to come when the war is over."

"I hope I can do as well as Mayor Underhill has done," said Mr. Linton. "I opposed remuneration for council and am still of the same opinion. We should be ready to give our time for public service or not run for office."

Mr. Linton felt that despite reports to the contrary, it might not be necessary to have an increased tax rate this year. While monies paid for debenture purposes had been wrongly allocated in the beginning, he said, there was only a difference of about \$2,000 to be met. This might be derived by careful management from the general fund or kept as an overdraft until 1945, when large debenture payments paid by the taxpayers would be retired.

In other words, the present rate might suffice and if the amount had not been needed a slight reduction in taxes might have been possible in 1944. While the original funds had not been applied as intended, they had not been "mis-spent" in the ordinary meaning of that word. He pledged himself to work in harmony with the council and urged citizens to "bring complaints to the council and not talk about them on the back streets."

Reeve Charles Malloy, after nine years service to the municipality, declared that he was retiring from office. "I do not wish to stop others from moving up. I have had my share of honors and am not ashamed of my record." He felt that strong representation at county council should be directed to rehabilitation problems.

"Now is the time to prepare for peace. Aurora should study its post-war problems now."

Deputy-Reeve C. E. Sparks announced that he would seek the reeveship. He dealt with county council affairs and read the county council report on health insurance and medical assistance to municipalities.

Councillor G. A. C. Guntion announced that he would seek one of the reeveships. "I would like

to see an election this year. It is a healthy thing to see a contest, so that the people can express their wishes. Acclamations make for apathy." He told of his efforts to secure coal during a difficult period for the municipality, and of the work of the social service committee of which he was chairman.

Councillor A. A. Cook announced that he contemplated contesting the deputy-reeveship. "I, too, voted against council being paid and am still ready to serve without pay." He had been on the council three years and felt that the town's water supply was much improved by the expenditures this year.

Councillor A. N. Fisher announced that he would again seek office. Councillor Fred. Rowland was not present when his name was called by Chairman A. C. A. Willis.

Thomas Swindle, Aurora insurance agent, said: "If a town is good enough to live in, it's good enough to work for to make a better place. I am opposed to council being paid. I would prefer to sit on the sidelines this year, as I have not lived in town long."

Rod. V. Smith announced that he would be a council candidate. Aurora, he felt, had "a wonderful future." Post-war problems and prompt rehabilitation were pressing problems to be faced. "If a memorial is to be erected after this war I would be prepared to work hard for a memorial library instead of a cenotaph."

Robert Thomson, war veteran and restaurant proprietor, announced that he would seek a seat. "If being on council is a duty, I am ready to accept the responsibility," he said.

John Offord, superintendent of Factory Equipment, announced his candidature and said that he would work

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no-hit, no-run game against Wilford in a seven-inning fixture. McComb seldom used his side-arm this season and really was hot.

Wes. Niles, former Newmarket ace hurler, won himself an army commission and is now overseas. No regular leagues flourished in the north of York county. At Barrie old-timers like Steve Hines, Earl Marshall, Wes. Perry, etc., banded together and had quite a bit of fun in a district league.

Golf: Summit and Aurora clubs both carried on with some difficulty. Pop Nisbet took over the Aurora club as pro. Bert Wright stayed at a war work post.

Bill Boaks captured the scratch championship for the eighth championship in nine tries. Dr. G. W. Williams was another veteran performer to show his heels to the rest. Golf balls became in the rare avis class and outlook for next year's supply looks worse.

Track and field: Aurora, St. Andrew's college, Markham, etc., all held meets and most public schools, too.

Gar Doolittle captured the senior title at Aurora with ease. The Dales brothers, Joe and Bob, scintillated for Newmarket camp and their hometown with super efforts in army meets.

Larry O'Connor, great Canadian hurdler and first track coach at No. 23, graduated as an officer and went overseas.

Fred Harvie, science master at Aurora high, captured the running broad jump at the Niagara reserve army meet.

Arie Barselaar did some excellent javelin tossing to get merit marks in the Petawawa meet.

Jimmy Holmes of Newmarket camp took the army century and repeated at Borden, where he went for advanced training.

Boxing saw Howard Spencely once pride of Mount Albert, get the Gibraltar medal for service with the Engineers and come back for some money fighting in England.

Harry Armstrong of Thornhill reached the middleweight army championships overseas.

Harry Davis of St. Andrew's college, one of the best Andrean boxers, enlisted for service in the navy.

Charity shows were successfully revived at Newmarket by Joe Spilletto and the veterans to help out a couple of fine sportsmen on the sick list.

Basketball: Pickering college enjoyed one of its best seasons in some years. The college took senior and junior honors in the prep. school series and for the first time in 16 years took the North York senior secondary school title, defeating Aurora in the finals.

Aurora high, boasting one of its finest junior teams in years, took the minor honors with ease. The team scored 196 points over the season and had 60 scored against them in six games.

C. R. Blackstock of Pickering again proved in a class by himself with the whistle, with Defroy Babcock of Aurora fast developing into another high-class official.

Aurora G.W.A.C. girls have formed a team for the coming season and, playing boys' rules and well coached, should give a good account of themselves.

Tennis fell almost completely by the wayside, Richmond Hill and Newmarket carrying on in their own way. At Stouffville the village council is keeping the courts conditioned for peace time.

Lees Ovrarm, top-ranking male star of the district, obtained his commission as a naval officer and is now sailing the high seas. Once again difficulty was experienced in obtaining needed balls and racquets.

Lawn bowling: All clubs functioned to some degree. The boys at Richmond Hill celebrated their 25th anniversary and along with Newmarket led the way in club spirit and membership. Aurora did not enjoy a particularly good season.

Racing: One of the big events of the year was the winning of the King's Plate by the outsider, Paolina, from the stables of the Markham sportsman, Charlie Hemstead.

A late development of the year was the spectacular entry into the racing world of Aurora-born John Stuart, who has assembled a fine stable for the '44 racing season and hopes to see the royal Stuart turtan, his colors, flash across the finish line in front on many occasions.

Charlie Smith, Aurora's gift to the turf game and winning rider in the King's Plate in '42, had a poor season, although one day at Hamilton he did ride four mounts home out of six, for the third best in the records. Now he is on active service with the American army.

Fred Schefke of Gormley topped all race owners on Canadian tracks in races won with a total of 25 firsts. The Whitechurch squire had a total take of \$20,188 over the season, his good horse, Sheperton, the leading Canadian horse of the year, accounting for a total of \$12,175, which, in appropriate enough language, "ain't hay."

A new track after the war at Steele's Corners is the present winter pipe dream of the horse-players. Might be a good post-war rehabilitation project for private enterprise at that.

Wrestling saw maestro Tunney of the North York Tunnaya packing them into his arena in huge numbers and he didn't need a plat- either.

Earl McCready, "the Aurora farmer," was as usual one of the top drawing cards across Canada.

machines at the time they were seized by the police. Mr. Davies replied that he could only guess at the amount.

"Following the seizure, either before or after trial, do you know of any negotiations to have the prosecution quashed?" questioned Mr. MacTavish.

"No," replied the witness. "I did not. I know of none whatever. We found that we were guilty, we had the machines on our premises. We felt that all we could do was to plead guilty and pay off."

"Did you hear of any meeting at Mr. Hoskins' place following the raid?" "We heard of some parties there, but I was never at one and don't know anything about them."

"Following the trial did you have any contact with Mr. Hamilton, who wanted to put them back and I said that I wouldn't do it?"

"Was it the slot-machines he wanted to put back?" "Yes, the slot-machines. He said it was alright to put them back in."

"What did you think when he asked you to put them back in?" "I don't know. I felt that I had them before and it didn't work."

Asked if he had had any conversation with Mr. Segal, Mr. Davies said that both he and Mr. Hamilton had come to his place the Monday morning before the raid and that Mr. Segal had coached out the proceeds of the machines and given him 50 percent. He said that some time later he talked to Mr. Segal in his office at which time Mr. Davies became rather abusive. "I told him that I thought that I was rather misled about the machines. The meeting was not pleasant."

"Do you know anything about the rumor told the commission that something must be wrong in connection with law enforcement regarding slot-machines?" asked Mr. MacTavish.

"What I can't understand is why it is allowed in one place to operate these machines and not in others," replied the witness.

"Where is that, was it between May and July?" "Yes, in York county," replied the witness.

"Do you know of any such a rumor, do you know of any evidence to support it?" "No, I really don't know of anything."

"Do you know of any instances of improper conduct on the part of the police officers?" "No, I do not."

Questioned further by Mr. MacTavish as to whether he had ever had his premises raided before, Mr. Davies said that Chief Stuart had conducted a raid about eight years previous, at which time he was convicted and fined \$25 and costs for having a crane machine on his premises. "That made me leery of slot-machines," he stated.

Second witness to be called was William T. Evans, Toronto, a liquor control board clerk, resident of Musselman's Lake for the last 23 summers and ex-president of the Musselman's Lake Association. He said that the first that he knew of the confiscation of the slot-machines on Mr. Davies' premises was on the morning following the seizure. Asked if he had any conversation with Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Evans said that he had been standing outside the dance hall when a gentleman, whom he later learned was Mr. Hamilton, approached and asked him where he could locate Bill Evans.

"I said, 'Well you are looking at him now, what do you want to talk to me about?'" testified the witness. "He said that he wanted to talk to me about the slot-machines taken from Mr. Davies. He said, 'You know Constable Windsor?'"

"I said, 'Yes, I've something to tell you to do for me.' He said that he would like the machines put back in again. I said, 'I don't know anything about it.' He said, 'I'll make it worth your while, the suit of clothes is yours if they get back.' I said that he had better see Constable Windsor. He wanted to know where he lived. I showed him and told him that Constable Windsor was not at home. That's all I know."

"When Windsor came back I told him about the man who approached me and gave him the number of his car," continued Mr. Evans.

"What was the nature of the conversation that you had with Constable Windsor?" asked Mr. MacTavish. "Nothing, wasn't interested," said Mr. Evans.

"Did anyone else approach you in connection with the case?" "No."

"As ex-president of Musselman's Lake Association, what is your opinion of the methods of policing that neighborhood?" asked Mr. MacTavish.

"Until we got the present police officers we had considerable trouble," replied Mr. Evans. "We had to get a police officer of our own. But at the present time it is very satisfactory. We let our officers go. A township constable is always available and at our command."

Asked how many police officers there were, the witness stated that at the present there was only Constable Windsor and that the association did not have to pay him any extra money as he was paid by the township council, who levied taxes from the summer residents as well as others of the township.

"Does the York county police do any policing of the district?" asked Mr. MacTavish. "I don't know," was the answer. "There are different officers there at different times."

The witness went on to say that during the winter months there had been a few break-ins at the cottages, but that the culprits had been apprehended. He said that he thought Constable Windsor had been responsible for one of the apprehensions.

William G. Hoskins, 7 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto, the next witness, described himself as an entertainer. He said that he had property near Musselman's Lake which consisted of a dance hall, grocery and merchandise store and gas station and that it was at the rear of this place that Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Minz, Constable Watt and Constable Windsor met.

Questioned, he recalled the raid made on Mr. Davies' place. "Do you recall Constable Windsor coming to your place afterward?" asked Mr. MacTavish. "Yes, I do," replied Mr. Hoskins. "Was he in your place very often?" "Yes, he was."

"On this day who else was present?" "I don't understand your question," stated the witness. "I think you do, Mr. Hoskins. On the Sunday following the raid a meeting took place in the back of your premises at which Constable Windsor, Constable Watt, you and a man named Hamilton and another named Minz were present."

"I recall now, I don't know if it was Sunday or not," replied the witness.

"How did the meeting take place?" "I don't remember."

"Who came in first?" "Constable Watt and Hamilton came together."

"What did they say?" "They didn't say anything."

Questioned further, Mr. Hoskins said that Mr. Minz and Constable Windsor each came into the place by themselves.

"We have evidence here that a bottle of liquor was produced, who produced it?" continued Mr. MacTavish.

"I think Hamilton did. We all had some. If I recollect I think that we drank the whole bottle."

"How large a bottle was it?" "A 26-ounce bottle."

"What was the conversation?" "I operate a business. I was in and out. They didn't say anything to me."

"You must have gathered some of the conversation while having the drinks?" "Not to my knowledge."

Asked if he had had any conversation about Mr. Segal, the witness said that he had heard nothing at that time.

Asked what he did hear, the witness said that he had heard nothing about the slot-machines.

"Coming back to the meeting, who did the talking?" asked Mr. MacTavish.

"I wasn't there, I was looking after my business," returned Mr. Hoskins.

"Is this a custom to congregate in your place and have a drink?" "No."

"Then this was a special occasion, when you had two slot-machine operators and two police together," commented Commissioner Stringer.

"I admit it does look suspicious."

"Why did they come to your place?" asked Mr. MacTavish. "I don't know," replied the witness.

"You knew they were automatic machine operators?" "Yes."

"You knew Windsor and Watt were police?" "Yes."

"Yet you did not know why these two groups were meeting?" "No."

Asked the order of departure of the four, Mr. Hoskins said that they left after an hour or so, but he did not know who left first. He denied that he had discussed the slot-machines with Segal, Hamilton, Windsor or Watt after the meeting. But admitted talking to Minz, who kept legal machines at his (Hoskins') place.

"Have you seen Windsor since the convention?" further questioned Mr. MacTavish.

"Yes, we talked about the slot-machines."

"You are being very unco-operative, Mr. Hoskins. Be explicit, what did he say?" "He said, 'If I should do with the machines, whether he should turn them over to the Newmarket court or the York county police. I did not advise him, as I didn't know.'"

"Did he ever come to you to have silver changed into bills?" "Yes, about three weeks after the raid on Davies' place he cashed in nickels."

The witness went on to explain that the nickels, which amounted to \$45, were in a paper bag. Asked where he thought these coins came from, he said that at the time he did not know nor inquire as to where the officer had obtained them.

Asked if he had had any conversation with Constable Windsor since the investigation started, the witness said that on the first day of the inquiry Constable Windsor came to his house in Toronto. He said that the latter appeared nervous and did not say anything.

"What did he say?" questioned Commissioner Stringer. "Did the bag of money enter the conversation?"

"He talked about the situation," replied the witness. "He didn't divulge any facts. We had a ball of beer."

"Why should he go to your place?" questioned Mr. MacTavish. "He always comes to my place when he comes to the city."

In reply to questions, Mr. Hoskins denied seeing Constable Windsor in a hotel or beverage room since the

first day of the investigation. He admitted, however, that he had telephoned the officer the following Sunday.

Asked what the conversation consisted of, the witness said: "I had a little talk with him. I didn't know whether he had divulged all the facts or not."

"What facts?" "About the nickels and so forth."

"Am I right in saying that you wanted to talk with him to see that your story checked with his?" "No."

"What did you say in the conversation?" "Well, I just asked him the truth about the situation, as I didn't read about it in the papers. I asked him if he had told about the cashing in of the nickels and he said 'Yes.' I asked him where he got the nickels and he said, 'I guess you know how.'"

In reply to further inquiries about any conversation he had had with Minz, Mr. Hoskins said that he talked with Minz on Dec. 13 in his (Hoskins') dance hall at Landsdowne Ave. and Queen St. in Toronto and that Mr. Minz asked him: "What happened to Windsor?" and about the investigation. He said that Minz said to him, "It looks pretty bad for Windsor."

Asked what else was said the witness stated: "I wasn't interested, we talked only naturally."

"We would like you to answer naturally," interrupted the commissioner.

"We talked about the meeting in my living quarters. I don't know what was said."

"It seems to me you don't know much of anything," commented Mr. Stringer. "Do you feel that you might be involved with Windsor over cashing of these nickels?"

"Yes, but at the time I cashed them I didn't think so."

Following the noon hour intermission Chief Stuart testified that he had taken two machines to Toronto, the one confiscated by the court from Mr. Lewis' place and the one confiscated from Joseph Irving at Jackson's Point. He said that the machines had been in the Newmarket police station awaiting the time of appeal to elapse and that as there was no room there for them, he gave Constable James Sloss a receipt and took them to the Adelaide St. police station. The following afternoon he handed the Irving machine over the provincial police, who had conducted the raid in the case.

"The Lewis machine had been in my possession three weeks," Chief Stuart stated. "I've endeavored to obtain a destruction order but have not as yet received it. I've no doubt but that the order will come from Mr. Mills."

Sgt. Thomas Wilkinson of the Ontario provincial police, a member of Inspector Doyle's anti-gambling squad since May, 1942, told the commission that his branch of the police had been responsible for 14 convictions of "keeping a disorderly house" and that 24 machines had been destroyed. He said that two machines were being held until the time of appeal had elapsed before they are destroyed. He said that two or more officers are always present at their destruction, which takes place when the raid has been made in or about Toronto, in the basement of the parliament buildings. The money is sent by cheque to the court clerk or the magistrate. He also stated that a key is never used to open the machines but that they are broken into with a sledge hammer.

"In connection with the slot-

KESWICK J. H. ANDERSON WEDS EDNA BERNICE SHIER

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davison spent the holiday weekend as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Felton in Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Bache and family of Newmarket were Christmas guests of Misses Mary and Ina Bache.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prosser spent Christmas at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Ben. Johnston, Sutton West.

Keswick boys at home from machines in York county, have you had any difficulty in obtaining an order of destruction?" asked Mr. MacTavish. "No, none whatever," replied Sgt. Wilkinson.

Referring to the Irving machine handed over to him by the county police, the witness stated that the raid had been conducted by the provincial police who noted the serial number of the machine at the time but did not "pick it up."

Later when they went to get the machine it was taken away from Irving's premises. When the case appeared in police court the magistrate ordered the machine to be brought into court and adjourned the case for a week until the party responsible should return the machine.

The witness stated that on the following week the machine was brought into court and when the case was heard, the magistrate ordered the machine confiscated and held by the court. When it was later turned over to his department the serial number tallied with the number taken at the time of the raid but when he went to destroy the machine he found that there was only the skeleton of the machine left and that the inside had been taken out. A number of ten-cent slugs and 45 cents in coins was all there was inside.

"In your work in York county do you work independently or in co-operation with other police?" questioned Mr. MacTavish. The witness said that he worked independently of any other police.

"In connection with this work, did you ever hear of any rumor that all was not well in connection with slot-machines here?" "No, the first I heard mention of some trouble with slot-machines was in court the day the Irving case came up."

The investigation adjourned until Thursday, Dec. 30, at 11 a.m. Commissioner Stringer stated that at that time the investigation would likely end. He expects to "tie up the loose ends" then.

the army and air force for Christmas were Grant Redditt, Tilsonburg, and Ted Marritt, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Pollock and Mrs. S. Kennedy were guests at Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Taylor's, Newmarket, for Christmas.

Christmas day and the week-end were gloriously mild, sunny days, a happy change from the weather of last week.

Present here last week for the funeral of the late Mrs. Peter McClellan on Wednesday, Dec. 22, were Mr. Cecil Wallace, Sussex, N.B., Mr. and Mrs. John King and Miss Jean King, Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. Norman King, Lefroy, and other relatives.

The Christian church Christmas tree was postponed last week to Thursday evening. Everyone enjoyed the program. There were gifts for all.

A wedding of interest on Christmas evening was that of Miss Edna Bernice Shier, Toronto, to Mr. James Howard Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, Sutton West. The wedding took place at Fairlawn United church with Rev. George E. Trimble officiating.

The bride wore ivory slipper satin, with finger-tip veil and carried red roses. Her attendants were Miss Audrey G. Morrow, maid of honor, who wore French wine velvet, and Miss Lorna I. Stemann, who wore river blue. They wore matching hats with net veils and carried maize chrysanthemums.

Pte. Harry Anderson, R.C.O.C., was groomsmen for his brother. The ushers were Keith Shier, Murray Gibson, Sgt. D. J. Murray and Pte. J. A. Johnston.

A reception was held afterwards at the bride's home for 80 guests. Mrs. Anderson, mother of the groom, received in a two-piece dress of moss rose with large black hat with rose wing and veil. Mrs. Shier, mother of the bride, wore turquoise.

Rev. Archibald McNeill, for some time a pastor of Keswick Methodist church, passed away at his home in Toronto on Dec. 25. Rev. and Mrs. McNeill have spent many summers at their Keswick beach cottage in past years and have many friends in Keswick and Queensville.

Fun! Frolic! Favors!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Middlebrook's Hall

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HATS! HORN! NOVELTIES!

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6 Hours of Dancing

THE PEACE THAT IS COMING

The peace that is coming, as revealed in God's word, will be based upon "glory to God" in the highest places of the earth, when Christ reigns in righteousness for a thousand years. Then every man shall dwell under his own vine, without fear. Build and inhabit their own houses. Not learn war any more. Total disarmament when the nations have been subdued by Christ and curse removed from the earth, even the wild animals become tame. Zech. 9: 10, Micah 4: 1-4, Isa. 65: 17-25, Isa. 60: 1-3.

CHRISTADELPHIANS

Read "CHRISTENDOM AS-TRAY" in all public libraries or from HOWARD TOOLE, MT. ALBERT, or THOMAS BRIGGS, PEPPERLAW, R. R. 2

DOWN THE CENTRE

Greetings to the New Year, and to our many friends who were kind enough to send greetings via mail and telephone. We can't acknowledge them all, but we do appreciate them from afar, especially Bob Benrille, "Ace" Yake, Jimmy Lowe, Charlie Sweeney and other servicemen, Charlie Holmes, "Dit" Clapper, Billy Hewitt, and a host of others on the home front. Nineteen forty-three, now down for the count of nine and awaiting only the swing of the pendulum to make it a knock-out, did fairly well for the sports fans throughout the district, and we can be really proud of the fact that hundreds of our favorite athletes, both male and female, are in there pitching to make 1944 a victory year.

But before we look to the future let's take a gander at the sporting scene that will soon be a thing of the past, and recall the highlights of the year.

Hockey: Junior teams at Markham and Unionville and intermediate teams at Aurora and Newmarket camp. Aurora Ordnance, a combination of both soldiers and civilians, gathered together in the dying weeks of the season, romped off with the O.H.A. intermediate title and brought Aurora its first intermediate title, and North York its second championship in that series in a row.

Kid hockey had a good year. Unionville juveniles went to the finals of the A series. Sutton youngsters gave Barrie, ultimate winners of the B series, a stern battle. Cliff Gunn collected a sparkling team of canal-town youngsters. Jimmy Walker did likewise at Aurora.

Richmond Hill, generally in minor sports, had a revival backed by the Lions club and gathered in the minor-midget King Clancy T.H.L. honors. Billy Mundell of Aurora was a member of the club.

Town leagues flourished at Aurora and Richmond Hill, with Middlebrook's Aces, Sisman's and King trouncing Ordnance steadily until out-numbered by imports from Toronto in the Aurora circuit. Aces have left seven of their team to war since the season ended. Carrville won the Hill league, and the rink cleared the season with an \$800 balance.

Hardest luck team honors went to the boys from Newmarket camp. They headed their group all season, won eight games, tied one and lost one, and yet were eliminated by Brampton camp, who were strengthened by convenient military transfers at the finish. The Redmen played sparkling hockey and were only two minutes away from the group championship when misfortune struck. Bob Bangay, Charlie Nesbitt and "Nick" Bangay accounted for 56 scoring points over the season, while Jack Wheeler was the best defenceman in the group. Now the boys are scattered to the four winds, but hope springs again, as the Redmen are ready for a big season in the all-armed corps intermediate loop.

"Joint" McComb tied for scoring honors in the West Toronto mercantile circuit. Ellis Pringle, former Redman favorite and pride of Bradford, a flop at Aurora as a coach, saw his DeHavilland team win mercantile honors.

Herb Burchall, former Sutton Greenshirt, emerged as Lieut. Commander Burchall with honors in Mediterranean sea-fighting.

Bill Wilson, the dark-haired Newmarket lad who was a stand-out with Aurora Juniors, finished in second place as a member of Toronto navy in the O.H.A. senior scoring. Team-mate Hugh Mair was well up in the totals, too. Wilson, discharged from the navy, re-enlisted with the R.C.A.F.

Herbie Cain, seeking a 20-goal total, got 19 last season but al-

ready this year has reached a 20-goal total to lead N.H.L. goal scorers.

Bill Thoms finished the season near the top with 43 points, and this semester had a tough fight with illness.

Del Beaumont, Aurora junior star, was best man in Junior A for Marlboros, missed his university exams and enlisted in the army. Charlie Rowntree coached Hunter Summit in the T.H.L. despite an alleged retirement from hockey, and for the coming season will handle the Richmond Hill Junior O.H.A. entry.

"Turk" Broda provided enough comedy for a Gilbert and Sullivan opera as Toronto and Montreal army impressarios played hide and seek with the round goalie. Result was a general change in army hockey policy. R.C.A.F. officials followed suit.

Professional hockey saw the weakest line-ups in years, with switches in players and a regular trolley service running between amateur and pro teams. John Q fan proved himself in this respect as big a sucker as ever by flocking in huge numbers to see second-rate hockey at top-flight prices.

Junior hockey for the coming season underwent a revival, with teams at Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Markham ready to go.

Baseball: Newmarket camp, with an all-star lineup, captured the Newmarket town league with ease. League had a good year. After close of season Bill Haskett, secretary and publicity expert, enlisted for active service. Brampton camp captured intermediate B title.

Earl Cook finished season with Portland Rosebuds and a few weeks ago the Stouffville boy was purchased by Toronto Leafs for the '44 season.

Kid baseball got a start at both Richmond Hill and Aurora. The Hill kids played in Toronto and did well, while Bill Holloway and Leonard Simmons of Aurora got a game group of homebrews going at the game.

"Shorty" Turan retired for good and then came out of the shades to aid his Davis team-mates in the finals. Says he is definitely through now.

Toronto Leafs won the International pennant but couldn't stand the shock and lost out to Syracuse in the playoffs. Big crowds attended all year.

Yankees took a screwy world series with comparative ease from the Cards.

Soccer: A revival of the game took place in Aurora and Newmarket. At Aurora Ordnance Depot rounded out a fair club and played exhibition games. Next year should see Staff Amby Cotton and his eleven glowing places. Herb Holman was a stand-out for the team. No. 23 B.T.C. entered in the Toronto and district league and just missed the playoffs. Military drafts robbed Lieut. Tom George's team of a place in the sun.

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Norman White, R. R. 2, Queensville, 16 years old on Monday, Dec. 27.
Margaret Lundy, Newmarket, seven years old on Thursday, Dec. 30.
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Miss Jean Rynard gave a surprise party at her home Saturday evening, Dec. 18, in honor of her brother, Roderick, who left on Monday for the air force. A pleasant evening was spent.
The Young People held a social evening in the Sunday-school room on Thursday, Dec. 23. The three boys who are leaving for the air force were presented with identification discs before leaving.
Misses Beulah and Barbara Kester, Whitby, are home for the holidays.
Miss Laura Horner, of the University of Toronto, is spending her holidays at home.
Alvin Walker and a friend of Toronto were at his home for Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Galbraith are spending their holidays with their daughter in Weston.
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Bradley and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Pickering and June of Toronto, spent Christmas with their parents.
Mrs. Heaton and son, John, spent Christmas in Toronto with their son, James, and family.
A serious accident occurred in Zephyr on Christmas eve when a hit and run driver, going through the village at a very great speed, struck and instantly killed Mrs. Wm. Kirtin.
Mrs. Robert Taylor, who lives on the north townline of Scott township, celebrated the 90th anniversary of her birth on Nov. 20.
Zephyr, Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. David Graham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary quietly by having their son and family for tea on Monday, Dec. 20.

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AC2 J. R. Mahoney, who is stationed at Debert, N.S., was home for Christmas.
Mrs. Kaye McNeill and children are visiting Mrs. McNeill's father, Mr. H. O'Dell.
Mrs. Wm. Thompson was in Toronto for Christmas.
Pte. J. F. McNeill, Petawawa, was home for a few days at Christmas.

HAVE FAMILY GATHERING

The annual Christmas gathering of the Wright family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glover, Newmarket. There were 19 present. During the dinner hour a telegram conveying Christmas greetings was received by Mrs. Minnie Arnold from Sgm. E. W. Arnold, Vancouver, B.C.

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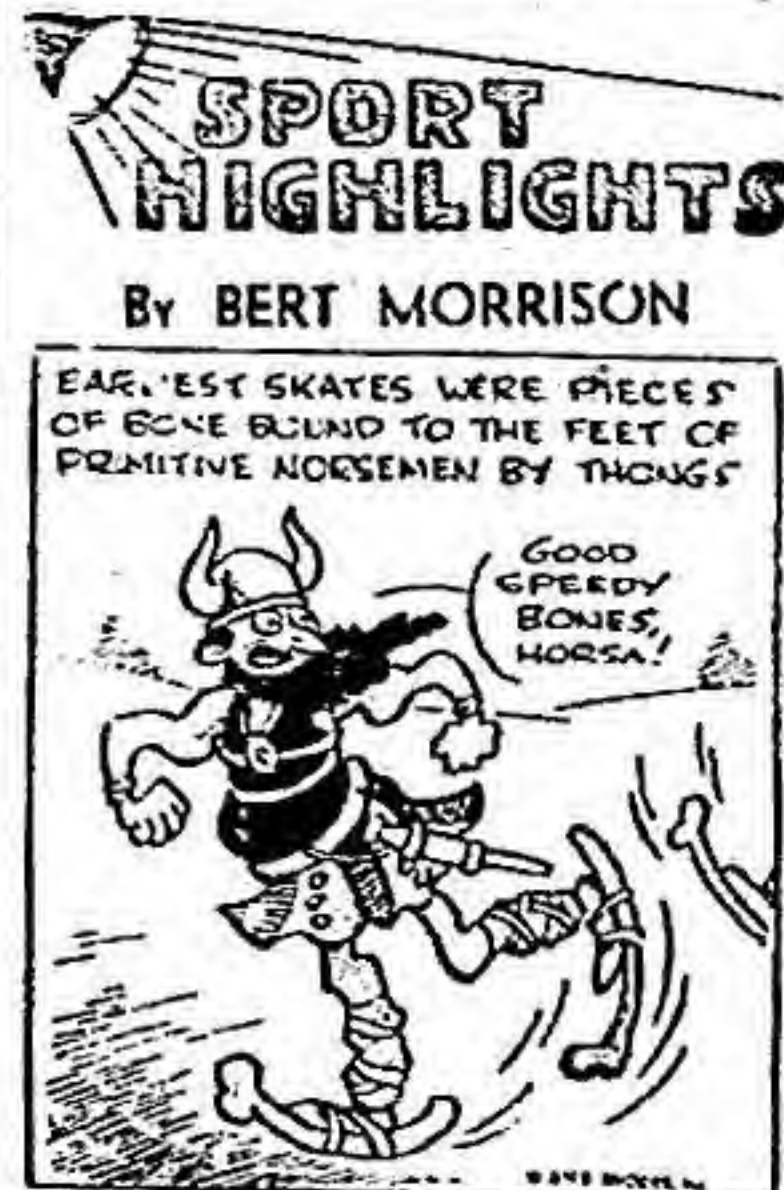
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A happy New Year to all.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmond Glebe and Mary Ann and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Evans spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Collins.
Miss Helen Shaw, Toronto, Miss Patricia Gibson, Pte. Kenneth Shaw, Sussex, N.B., and LAC Richard Shaw, Camp Borden, spent Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shaw.
LAC Howard Fry, Fort William, and Mr. Herb. Kershaw, Orillia, spent Christmas and the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Fry.
Pte. Norman Robson, Oakville, spent Sunday with Miss Kathleen Grose.
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rutledge and Miss Beulah Rutledge spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Rye, Holt.
AC2 Donald Kiteley, Hamilton, Mr. Eugene Kiteley, Sarnia, and the Misses Phyllis and Gwen Kiteley, Toronto, spent the holiday weekend with Mrs. Kiteley.
Mr. John Salter spent Sunday with the Kiteleys.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Case and Mr. and Mrs. J. Blaney were Christmas guests at Mr. and Mrs. Fred McLeod's.
Mrs. Merton Shaw, Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw, Madison, Wis., visited the Shaw families last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostley, Queensville, had Christmas dinner with Mrs. E. Wregett.
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lunnery spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lunnery.
Mr. Alfred Johnston and Mr. Roy Oliver spent Christmas and the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Alan Case.
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Grose and Miss Kathleen Grose spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson at Newmarket.
Mr. and Mrs. John Ash entertained about 30 relatives on Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robertson, Fort Erie, and Miss Irma Hall, Whitby, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hall.
Mrs. Stokes spent Christmas day in Toronto with her parents.
Mrs. R. L. Phillips spent a few days in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. Wilson.
Mrs. Mackie and Miss Doris Mackie, Toronto, and Mr. Ross Fountain, Ajax, spent the holiday weekend with Mr. Fountain and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Pegg.
The United church service will be held at the hall at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 2. Sunday-school will be held at 10:30 a.m.
The Red Cross ladies will start work again at the hall on Jan. 4. There is work for all who come.
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fife spent Christmas day in Toronto with their daughter and her family.

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Honour roll for 1943: died: F.O. Bob Turp, Aurora, Sgt. Ernie White, Richmond Hill, F.O. Harry Treloar, Sutton, Gert Larsen, Newmarket.
Missing: L-Cpl. Bruce Stiles, Aurora, Sgt. Jack Cowleson, Aurora.
Prisoners of war: Sgt. Bill Vanzant, Newmarket, Sgt. Tom Grandall, Roche's Point.
Wounded: Cpl. Doug. May, Newmarket.

Sutton West

Mrs. James Cockburn left last week to spend Christmas with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kenniger, Toronto.
Miss Blanche Sedgewick is spending the holidays at her home in Nobel.
Miss Edith Burch and Mrs. A. Halgh, sisters of Mr. Leonard Burch, returned to Detroit last week after spending a couple of weeks here.
Clair Doble of the R.C.A.F., Moncton, is spending Christmas leave with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Martin.
Lieut. Curtis King, Kingston, is visiting his aunt, Miss E. J. King. Mr. Angus McMillan is spending the holidays at his home here.
Mrs. H. C. Stevens is spending the holidays in Winnipeg with her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. F. D. H. Clement.
Miss Gwen Pearson, who is attending Queen's University, Kingston, is spending the holidays at her home here.
Miss Elizabeth Ego, Oshawa, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ego.
Pte. Cliff. Burnham and Cpl. Wm. Harris, Camp Borden, spent Christmas at their homes here.
Miss Vera Anderson is spending the holidays in Petrolia.
Dr. and Mrs. Oughtred and Miss Mary Noble, Toronto, Miss Nora Noble, Schomberg, and Della Noble of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.), Montreal, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Noble.
Eddie Mehan of the R.C.A.F., Jarvis, is spending Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mehan.
Paddy Burke, who is attending school in Kingston, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burke.
A. E. Timmins of the R.C.A.F., Galt, and Vic. Timmins, of the R.C.A.F., Dartmouth, N.S., spent Christmas here.
Misses Edith and Bev. Powell, Toronto, spent Christmas with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Powell.
Mr. Leonard Burch left for Sudbury on Saturday night to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. J. Adam.
Bob Picken, Toronto, spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. M. Picken.
Mr. Hilliard Pivnick, Guelph, is spending the holidays at his home here.
Miss Lois Brooks, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Brooks.
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Goodhand and family, North Bay, visited Mrs. Goodhand's father, Mr. James Taylor, over the holiday.
Cpl. D. A. Barclay, Camp Borden, spent Christmas at his home here.
Mrs. W. S. White and baby daughter spent Christmas in Toronto.
Mr. R. J. Smalley, Toronto, spent the weekend at his home here.
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thompson and son spent Christmas with Mr. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thompson.
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LAC Howard Fry, who is stationed at Fort William, called on friends here over the weekend.
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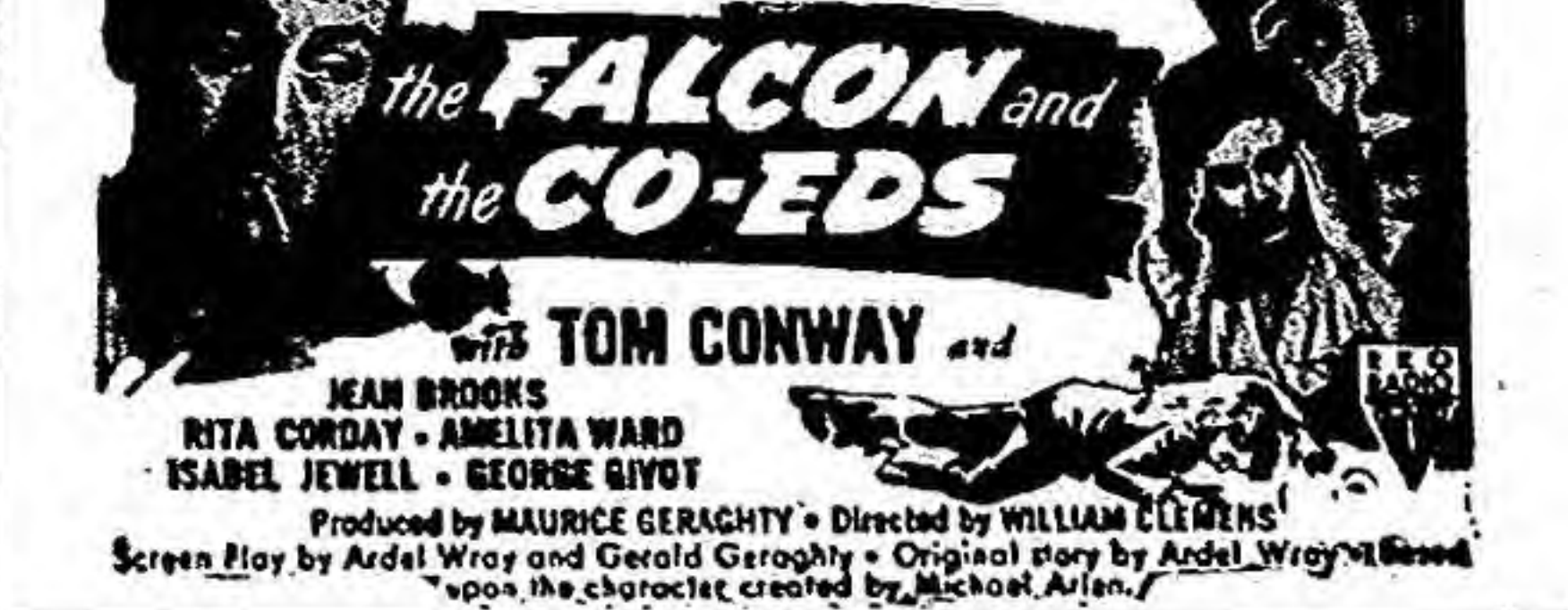
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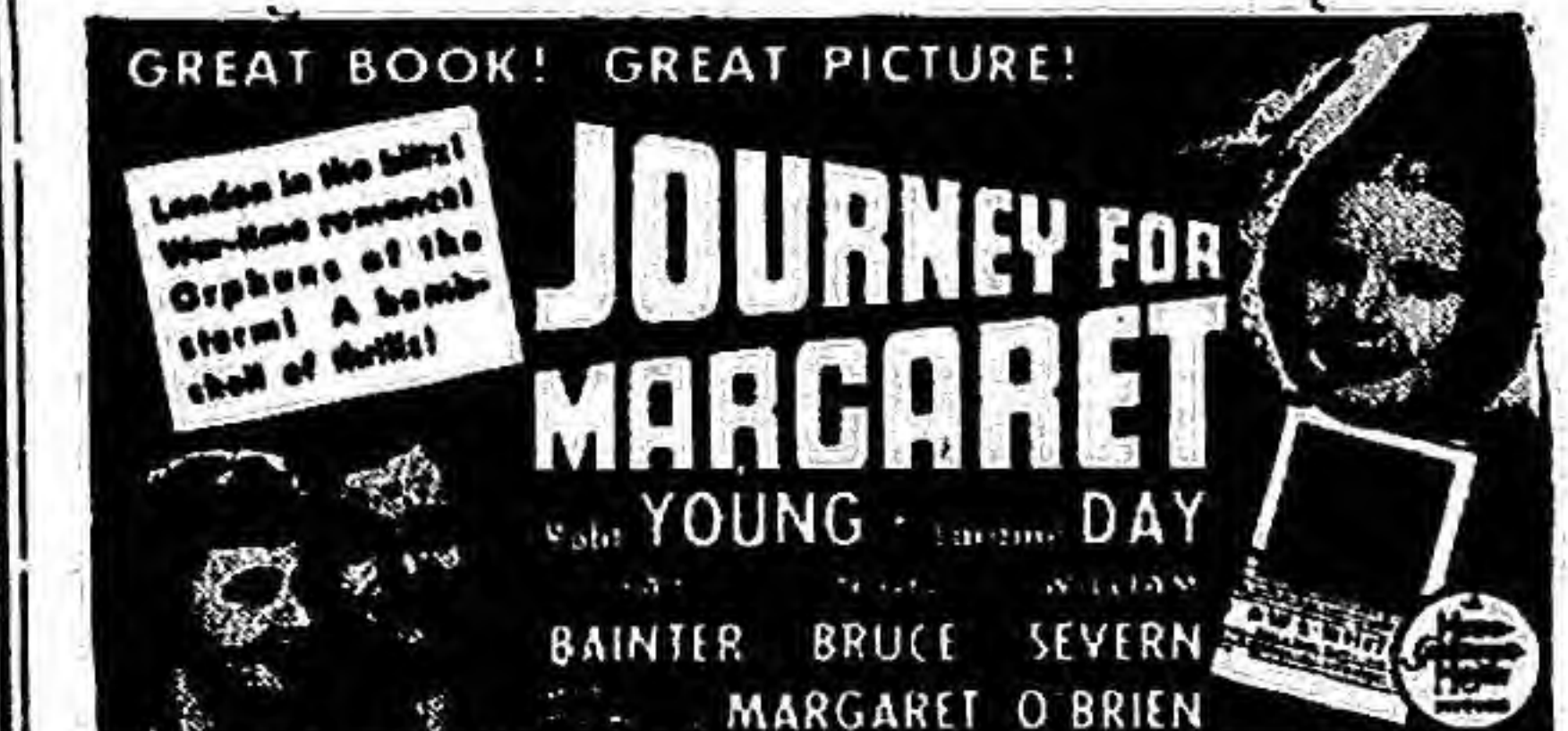


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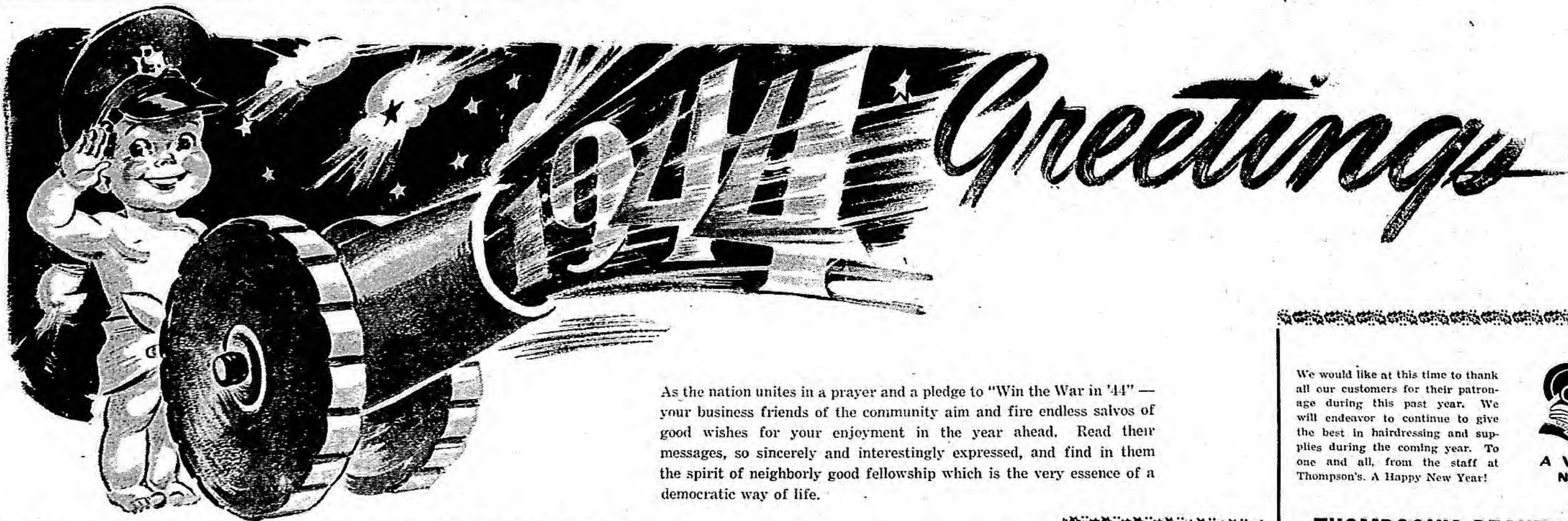
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Cpl. R. M. Cook, Debert, N.S., and Pte. A. W. Cook, Toronto, were holiday guests at the home of their sister, Mrs. Sam. Harper.

Norm. Hamill of the R.C.A.F., Toronto, and Mrs. Hamill, were Christmas guests at the home of Mrs. Hamill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Kennedy.

Mrs. Julia Bain, Hamilton, and Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Pegg.

Miss Marion Spencely was at the home of her parents over Christmas.

Miss Olive Watts, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mortson, Goodwood, Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Watts and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Watts were a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Willbee, Ron. and Margaret, Mrs. Guy Williamson and Mrs. Bruce Davidson, went to Toronto for the Christmas holiday.

Major W. L. Carruthers, Gravenhurst, was at his home over the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wagg and Dean, Goodwood, Ken. Wagg of

the R.C.A.F., Scudout, N.B., Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Wagg, Markham, and Pte. and Mrs. Laurie Wagg, Uxbridge, were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Leadbetter.

Ellis Green of the R.C.A.F. in British Columbia has been home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Robertson, Fort Erie, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Robertson.

Dr. and Mrs. Lorne Stokes and J. David of Hanover, and Mr. and Mrs. Don. Degeer of Toronto, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Stokes.

Dr. Jas. Hamilton, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Mrs. Blaine Moore, Lansdowne, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. J. Crowle.

Mrs. H. Price spent Christmas in Toronto with her son, Arthur, and Mrs. Dawson.

Mrs. Geo. Scott recently received a letter from her son, Pte. Aylmer Rose, who is somewhere in North Africa. He told his mother he never knew sand was so hard to sleep on.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mrs. L. Pearson.

Cpl. F. Ross of the postal department, Ottawa, was home on furlough over Christmas.

Miss Helen Burgess, George and Bill Burgess, Toronto, spent the holiday with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Burgess.

Lovely Christmas services were held last Sunday at the United church, which was tastefully decorated by the choir and Cheerio class, with evergreens and tinsel. In the morning the service commenced with a pro-

cessional hymn by the choir. They also sang two Christmas anthems, the favorite being, "Silent Night."

The minister gave a nice Christmas message and in the evening told the ever-popular story of Dickens' "Christmas Carol." Many Christmas carols were sung. After the service, a travelogue of moving pictures was put on in the basement, along with a Christmas picture for the children.

The picture was also shown at Sunday-school in the afternoon when many visitors came to the white gift service and the children received their Christmas boxes and a treat. The gifts were sent to the Fred Victor mission in Toronto.

The public school concert on Tuesday evening in the hall was a huge success. The hall was crowded and the program was well worth while. The children excelled themselves in the different plays, folk dances, the rhythm band and pantomime and the teachers, Misses Campbell and Gibney, are to be congratulated on their fine concert.

The hall board held a Christmas eve dance in the hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. There will be a dance on New Year's eve with the Mount Albert orchestra in attendance.

Ronald Allison, Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Pegg, Beeton, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Boden, Oshawa, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Boden, Sr., and the Paisley family.

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